

Good morning

Today's forecast:

Mostly cloudy with widely scattered snow-showers changing to rain by afternoon. Highs 40 to 45 degrees. Light west winds. Lows 25 to 35 degrees.

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Magic Valley

Suspect may see prison soon

Thomas Robert Petersen, awaiting trial on first-degree murder charges, might go to prison before his March 28 trial.

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The system is broke

Kids are getting away with crimes because the system handling them is understaffed and fragmented, officials say.

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Mini-Cassia

Rape trial continues

A woman who said she was raped and beaten testified Wednesday in the trial of a man charged with the offense.

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Sports

Back off the road

College of Southern Idaho is at home this weekend, playing in the second annual Arctic Circle Classic.

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Everyone's waiting

The college bowl world is waiting to find out which bowl West Virginia will select. All of them want Notre Dame.

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Outdoors

Big game discussion

Area sportsmen may attend a public meeting at 7 p.m. today at the Gooding City Hall to discuss hunting.

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Closing some loopholes

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission plans hearings next week on selling and bartering of wildlife parts, hides and antlers.

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Opinion

Marley's lesson lasts

For a century and a half, Charles Dickens' character Jacob Marley has demonstrated how to keep Christmas.

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Hot stock for investors

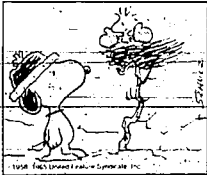
Investors have discovered a hot item and are driving up prices of assorted weapons, trying to beat provisions of the Brady gun control bill.

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Dry November stirs drought fear

The Times-News and
The Associated Press

The mountain snowpack that provides water for many Magic Valley irrigators is scant after the driest November in Idaho since 1959.

"It's early, but nonetheless November is a very important month, and we almost missed it totally," said Peter Palmer, a hydrologist for the U.S. Soil Conservation Service and supervisor of the snow survey.

As of Wednesday, water content in the Magic Mountain drainage south of Twin Falls had just 26 percent of the average snowpack, with one inch of water. The average is 3.9 inches. Generally, one foot of snowpack equals one inch of water content.

The Lost-Wood Divide above the Big Wood River has 1.1 inches of water content in the snowpack, 28 percent of average.

The Lewis Lake Divide, which drains into the upper Snake River, is also at 28 percent of average, with 1.9 inches of water

content in the snowpack.

"When we start off below normal, it becomes more difficult to catch up," Palmer said. "We now need above-normal precipitation for a month or two."

That's not likely soon, said Val Young at the National Weather Service in Boise. "December is supposed to be cooler and drier than normal."

Still, Young said it's too soon to say whether November's pattern of record cold and dry conditions will be repeated. "I

wouldn't think so, but with weather one never knows," he said.

Bill Galkin, meteorologist with the National Weather Service office in Kimberly, said he recorded just .02 inches of precipitation last month, 1.2 inches less than average. Temperatures averaged 31 degrees for the month, 6.2 degrees below normal, Galkin said.

One bright spot is that reservoirs along the upper Snake River are at 69 percent of

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Opinion at an opening



ANDY ARLENZ/The Times-News

Attorney General Larry EchoHawk, left, and former Gov. John Evans talk during a grand opening luncheon for D.L. Evans Bank Twin Falls branch. EchoHawk cited the bank's expansion as an example of Idaho's strong economy.

EchoHawk calls for state funding for school building construction

By Drew DeSilver
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — State government should become involved in building public schools, Attorney General Larry EchoHawk said Tuesday.

Rapid enrollment growth in several school districts has strained their ability to provide adequate schools and classrooms, EchoHawk said, and many more districts have to fix or replace crumbling, outdated buildings.

The cost, he said, is too much for local property taxpayers alone to bear.

"We're going to have to do things differently than we have in the past,"

EchoHawk said after a luncheon marking the opening of D.L. Evans Bank's new Twin Falls branch.

"I don't know if that means some kind of state construction authority or what, but we need to look at all the alternatives," he said.

Idaho is one of a handful of states in which local school districts are entirely responsible for paying for school construction.

EchoHawk acknowledged that the \$706 million in repairs, upgrades and new construction recommended by the Statewide School Facilities Needs Assessment Committee is far too much to fund in one or two years. But the state

should adopt a long-range plan for bringing Idaho school buildings up to par, he said.

EchoHawk is one of three Democrats seeking the governorship next year. He was invited to address the luncheon, gathering by former Gov. John Evans, a fellow Democrat who is president of the family-owned bank.

EchoHawk cited D.L. Evans Bank and its new Twin Falls office as an example of Idaho's booming economy. But in some areas — especially Ada and Kootenai counties — economic growth is stretching schools and local services, fueling demands for property-tax reform.

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President accepts criticism of AIDS policy

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Clinton Wednesday faced the public rage of an AIDS protester and accepted the criticism that the federal government is not doing enough to find a cure for the fatal disease.

"Talk is cheap and we need action," a protester shouted midway through Clinton's speech to an audience at Georgetown University Hospital marking World AIDS Day. The man, who identified himself as a member of ACT-UP, an AIDS activist group, went unopposed by security and received Clinton's calm attention as he delivered an impassioned, 60-second lecture on the president's performance.

"Slick Willy, the Republicans were right. We should have never trusted you. You are doing nothing while we die," the man said. "One year later, lots of talk, no action," he shouted before security guards finally led him away.

A few hours earlier, the same

protester interrupted Donna Shalala, Health and Human Services secretary, and Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders with similar complaints of inaction and failure by the administration to follow through on recommendations by a federal AIDS commission. He accused the administration of engaging in "predatory photo-ops" to demonstrate their commitment but little real action.

Clinton was impassive during the outburst and warned off others in the audience who began booing and shouting down the man. "That's OK, that's all right," the president said, "I don't make it personally. I'd rather have that man in here screaming at me than have him give up all together."

The encounter came after Clinton visited with seven AIDS victims, including Larry Singletary, 38, a lifelong Washington resident who told reporters beforehand he had been in the hospital for four months. He told Clinton, as their hands were locked in a long clasp, "The virus might attack my

body, but it can't take my spirit."

Singletary engaged in a long chat with Clinton and did a little lobbying, telling the president his hope is "that you appropriate lots of money so research can be done." He had told reporters before the president arrived that he felt the administration's effort had not been sufficient.

During his speech, Clinton offered a modest defense of the administration's efforts to fight the epidemic, recounting its increases in funding for AIDS research and treatment, his appointment of an AIDS coordinator, his willingness to discuss the disease and other steps.

"Part of my job is to be a lightning rod," Clinton added. "Part of my job is to lift the hopes and aspirations of the American people, knowing that ... you can never fully close the gap between what you're reaching for and what you're actually doing, and knowing ... there's no way I can now keep everybody alive who already has AIDS."



AP photo

A heckler from the ACT-UP group is led away after yelling 'Lots of talk, no action' at President Clinton Wednesday.

Sudden, heavy activity can cause heart attack

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Overdoing it can do you in.

Out-of-shape people may face 100 times their usual risk of a heart attack if they suddenly loose themselves to split wood, lum furniture or otherwise work up an unexpected sweat.

In fact, a major study suggests, such ac-

tivity triggers about 4 percent of all heart attacks. That adds up to about 60,000 in the United States annually.

The danger is by far the greatest for those who never exercise, and regular workouts ease the hazard considerably. But even those who exercise five times a week appear to double their risk when they do something strenuous.

The level of exertion, though, is not es-

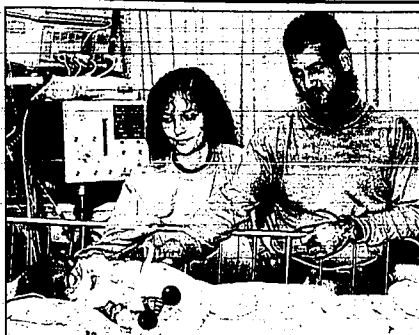
pecially great. The researchers say the equivalent of running up two flights of stairs without a break is enough to touch off a heart attack.

"Heavy exercise can trigger a heart attack. But more importantly, regular exercise can lower the probability," said Dr. Murray A. Mittleman, principal author of the study.

The study was conducted on 1,228

heart attack survivors at 45 U.S. hospitals. The researchers asked the patients what they were doing before they were stricken. The report is among the first to attempt to test an idea many people already believe.

However, heart attacks are common at all times, even in sleep, and experts couldn't be sure whether the apparent link with exertion was simply coincidence.



Gloria Santiago and Jose Roman visit their infant daughter Joselyn Roman Tuesday in a Philadelphia. Liver-transplant surgery for Joselyn began Wednesday.

Dad donates part of liver to struggling infant girl

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Transplant surgery that will give a 10-month-old girl a portion of her father's liver began Wednesday in hopes she could be cured of a potentially fatal condition.

Dr. Stephen Dunn, director of the kidney and liver transplant program at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, began a planned five-hour operation at 8 a.m. MST to remove part of 28-year-old Jose Roman's liver, spokeswoman Carol Norris said.

A six- to eight-hour operation on Joselyn Roman was expected to follow.

Joselyn has been sick since birth, Jan. 21, according to St.

Christopher's. She suffers from Type I tyrosinemia, a disorder that causes rickets and kidney problems and often leads to liver cancer before age 10.

She was listed in critical condition and was on the waiting list for a donor liver for 26 weeks. No appropriate livers from cadavers had become available.

Living donor transplants were pioneered in Brazil in 1985.

As of Friday, there had been 101 such transplants at 11 U.S. hospitals, although some donors may not have been relatives, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing in Richmond, Va.

Research doubles worm lifespan

NEW YORK (AP) — An alteration in a single gene makes worms live more than twice as long as normal, a finding that may eventually give clues for a healthier old age in people, a scientist says.

Worms with the mutated gene "looked pretty happy and healthy" while their obviously aged contemporaries were dying, said Cynthia Kenyon. "That's really exciting. We want to understand how that can

happen," said Kenyon, an associate professor of biochemistry at the University of California, San Francisco.

It's not clear yet whether the answer would have any implications for humans, but many biological processes seen in the worm are duplicated in people, Kenyon said.

The hope is that follow-up study could give leads in developing medications for a healthier old age, she said.

Passage of Brady Bill prompts run on business at gun shops

The Associated Press

Investors have found a hot stock, one that comes with a barrel, trigger and ammo.

Gun dealers report demand up and supplies dwindling as people rush to avoid the five-day waiting period and background check required by the Brady Bill. Even in states that already have waiting periods, a gun propping spree has been fed by other proposed restrictions such as a ban on some assault weapons.

"It's the principle of the thing," said Alan W. Marcotte of Manchester, N.H., who was picking out a handgun Tuesday with his father. "We want to enjoy the freedom and right before the government takes them away from us."

At Riley's Sport Shop in Hooksett, N.H., salesman Ron Harkin said it was obvious sales were up because of the Brady Bill, signed Tuesday by President Clinton, and the crime bill moving through Congress. "There's some panic buying going on," he said. "There's no doubt about it."

Effective Feb. 28, the Brady law

will require a five-day waiting period and background check for gun purchasers.

Bill Perkins, manager of Davis Center-Shooting Sports in Louisville, Ky., said people are afraid the Brady paperwork will eventually allow the government to take their guns away.

"They don't want their name on papers that go to the government," he said. "Big Brother already knows too much."

The bill's effect on gun buyers isn't as great in states that already have background checks or waiting periods, such as California, Florida, New York and New Jersey.

But gun shop shelves are still emptying because of the pending crime bill. It would ban certain types of ammunition and 19 types of assault weapons such as Colt AR-15 and AK-47s, if those restrictions survive a House-Senate conference committee.

Mel Bernstein, co-owner of Dragonarms in Colorado Springs, Colo., said his company bought \$16,000 worth of the weapons in recent weeks and now is looking for more. Customers "don't even ask the

price," he said. "They just want one." It was called up constantly, said Vern Gayler, whose Ponderosa Enterprises hunting shop in Fort Collins doesn't even carry assault weapons. Bill Molman, who owns The Gun Room in Denver, said purchasers don't fit stereotypes.

"These are expensive guns the criminal doesn't buy," he said. "People that are buying these are professionals — doctors, lawyers, even newsmen."

The Colorado dealers said AR-15s that sold several weeks ago for \$600 now attract \$1,200.

Preacher injured in L.A. riot dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Street evangelist Wally Tope wanted to make a difference: The day after riots erupted in Los Angeles, he went into the streets to preach to the looters. His conviction cost him his life.

Tope died Nov. 24 in a convalescent hospital in suburban Pasadena, 19 months after he was beaten into a coma while trying to stop looters. District Attorney Gil Garcetti said Wednesday.

Tope, 54, never regained consciousness after the April 30, 1992, attack in Hollywood.

His death brought to 55 the number of people killed in the three days of riots, which erupted after four white police officers were acquitted of nearly 40 state charges in the videotaped beating of black motorist Rodney King. Two were later convicted of federal civil rights charges.

Fidel Ortiz, 22, and Leonard Sosa, 24, have pleaded innocent to attempted murder and aggravated mayhem in the Tope attack.

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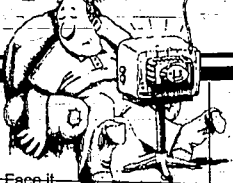
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Nation

Navy puts women on carriers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Navy plans to put hundreds of female sailors on aircraft carriers in 1994 in the first major deployment of women on combat vessels, Navy Secretary John Dalton said Wednesday.

Dalton, in an interview with defense writers, said plans call for putting 400 to 500 women on several of the huge warships over the coming year.

Legislation lifting the ban on women serving aboard combat vessels was signed Tuesday by President Clinton.

Dalton said efforts are being made in the post-Tailhook era to help sailors adjust to the influx of women. "We have been in the process of over a long period of time working through this issue and dealing with it in an effective and professional way and we'll continue that into the future as women go aboard combat vessels," Dalton said.

He noted that it was the Navy that proposed opening combat jobs to women.

Despite the poor image that has plagued the Navy since the Tailhook sex harassment scandal, Dalton pledged the transition will be accomplished smoothly.

"In '94, you'll see women serving aboard aircraft carriers. The plan is to have 400 to 500 women aboard three aircraft carriers by the end of '94," he said.

Navy officials said the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower will take on several hundred women in June, followed by the USS Abraham Lincoln in September and the USS John C. Stennis in December. In general, 5,000 to 7,000 sailors serve aboard aircraft carriers.

Women will also be assigned to serve on destroyers and dock landing ships, vessels that also are expected to be involved in combat. Dalton did not specify numbers for those deployments.

Dalton, asked about the new policy toward homosexuals in the military, said the subject never arose during visits to the fleet over the past several months.

"I must have talked to 3,000 (to) 4,000 sailors, and the issue just never came up. The service personnel think the policy makes sense and will work," Dalton said.

Health-related companies also supply tobacco industry

NEW YORK (AP) — Some companies that promote their contributions to the nation's health are also profiting from the tobacco industry as suppliers of chemicals, paper and filters.

The Pfizer pharmaceutical company, which placed full-page ads in newspapers this week saying "We're part of the cure," makes flavor enhancers used in cigarettes. Sandoz, a maker of asthma medicines, sells seeds and pesticides to the tobacco industry.

Kimberly-Clark, the maker of Kleenex, Kotex and hospital paper products, is a leading supplier of cigarette paper and filters.

Dr. Alan Blum, who directed a study about the links, called on doctors and hospitals to

refuse to deal with these companies in cases where alternative medicines and products are available.

These companies and others "know what the tobacco industry is, and they choose to do business with them," Blum said. "I don't care what they do, but they shouldn't portray themselves as healthful companies."

Not all companies that could sell to the tobacco industry do so, he said.

Among others that do are Ciba-Geigy, a maker of nicotine skin patches used to help smokers quit, which makes pesticides used by tobacco growers, among others. Marion Merrell Dow makes nicotine patches and chewing gum, while its owner, Dow Chemical,

sells a chemical humidifier to the tobacco industry.

Cigarette smoking is the nation's leading cause of preventable death, responsible for 419,000 deaths in 1990, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Blum is a professor at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and the founder of Doctors Ought to Care, an activist group that wages campaigns against the tobacco and alcohol industries. Part of his ongoing tobacco industry study appeared in the March 1993 issue of Tobacco Control.

Scott Ballin, a vice president of the American Heart Association, encourages the companies to drop their tobacco business. "It

seems to be inconsistent with their overall mission, if they are directly or indirectly aiding the promotion of tobacco products in this country."

The companies cited by Blum confirmed his findings and generally defended their tobacco dealings on the grounds that it was not up to them to limit others' choices or to stop up their products were used, as long as the products were used safely.

"The objectives of Kimberly-Clark are the corporation's success," said spokeswoman Jean Allen. "I don't think there's a hypocrisy. If we discontinued our tobacco business, a lot of people would lose jobs. That's as important as any issue."

U.S. submarines vital to disrupting Japanese supply lines

Knight-Ridder News Service

At 5:45 p.m. on Dec. 3, 1943, the U.S. submarine *Sailfish* under the command of Lt. Cmdr. Robert E.M. Ward surfaced south of Honshu, the main island of Japan.

A typhoon was blowing with 40- to 50-mph winds, tremendous waves and driving rain. The limited visibility dropped to nothing as night fell.

But to *Sailfish's* radar, the weather was not a factor. Just before midnight, a convoy showed up on the screen. Two large ships and two smaller ones moving fast. Warships.

Sailfish closed on the surface, then dove to 40 feet for its first firing pass at the largest ship. Four torpedoes were fired using a radar bearing. Ward thought two had hit, but he had to take evasive action as a Japanese destroyer dropped 21 depth charges. None were close, and Ward

reloaded his tubes.

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Almost two hours after the first attack, *Sailfish* surfaced and started after the convoy. A half-hour later, radar picked up the targets. It took three more hours to get into a firing position. At 5:52 a.m. on Dec. 4, Ward fired three torpedoes while on the surface and watched the results from the bridge. Two hits for sure this time, one producing an explosion that "sounded like a battleship firing a broadside."

Enemy return fire forced *Sailfish*

to submerge, but Ward finally got a good look at his target: the light aircraft carrier *Chuyo*, dead in the water. The 17,360-ton *Chuyo* was a converted passenger liner. It had been used for training pilots and ferrying aircraft from Japanese factories to the strategic hub at Truk.

Sailfish erected the stricken carrier to watch developments. At 9:42 a.m. Ward fired two more torpedoes, scoring another hit. An enemy cruiser and two destroyers counterattacked, forcing evasive action, but Ward was not going to leave the area until he knew he had killed the carrier.

At 1:30 p.m. he returned to the scene. The carrier was nowhere in

sight. It had sunk six minutes after the third hit, 10 hours after first being spotted.

It was this kind of relentless pursuit and persistent attacking that was giving the U.S. submarines domination of Japan's supply lines. In the last eight months of 1943, U.S. subs

sank more enemy cargo tonnage than in the first 17 months of the war: 1,126,527 tons. Days on offensive patrol were up by 50 percent. Japan was losing merchant ships twice as fast as they could be built. By the end of 1943 the Japanese merchant fleet had lost 20 percent of its pre-war capacity.

Hard hit had been oil shipments, the lifeblood of modern industry and

war. Japan had lost 20 large tankers, 18 from submarine attack. More oil has been lost in cargo ships that often carried barrels of lubricants or aviation fuel. Japan was already starting to thin its oil to make it go further.

Subs were also taking a toll of their direct foe, the destroyer, sinking two Japanese destroyers in December.

But despite this damage to the infrastructure of the Japanese Empire, what submarine commanders really wanted in their sights were large warships, especially carriers. U.S. subs would sink eight Japanese carriers during the war. *Chuyo* was the first.

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Economy strengthens as '94 nears

WASHINGTON (AP) — The economy dealt the groundwork for a strong year-end finish by expanding at a moderate 2.7 percent rate in the third quarter. Low interest rates are reviving construction, consumer spending and business investment, but trade remains a problem.

The seasonally adjusted gain in the nation's gross domestic product, the sum of all goods and services produced in the United States, represented a slight revision to an earlier estimate of 2.8 percent, the Commerce Department said Wednesday.

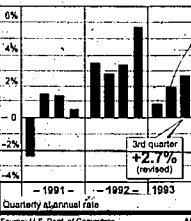
The change was attributed to a surge in imports, up at a 6.1 percent annual rate instead of the 1.9 percent first reported.

Analysts nevertheless were cheered by the economy's overall performance, particularly since it occurred despite billions of dollars in crop damage from floods in the Midwest and drought in the Southeast. Without the crop losses, the GDP would have risen 3.3 percent.

Many analysts are forecasting growth of better than 4 percent during the current quarter. They warn the economy probably will slip some early next year but said the swing won't be as severe as a year ago. Then, the economy reeled ahead at a 5.7 percent rate in the fourth quarter only to lapse to an anemic 0.8 per-

Gross domestic product

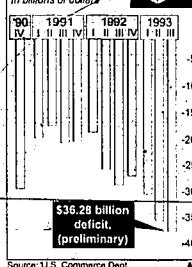
The GDP measures all the goods and services produced by workers and capital located in the United States, regardless of ownership.



Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce

U.S. trade balance

U.S. merchandise trade balance (exports less imports) calculated on a balance of payments basis, excluding military sales. In billions of dollars.



Source: U.S. Commerce Dept.

new record, while exports declined.

Construction spending rose 2.5 percent in October, the sixth consecutive advance and the longest string in seven years.

Corporate profits in the third quarter rose 0.8 percent from the second quarter, when they increased 5.2 percent. For the year so far, profits are running 7.8 percent higher than last year.

The manufacturing sector expanded in November for the second consecutive month, according to a monthly index compiled by the National Association of Purchasing Management.

The economy's strongest sectors in the third quarter were stimulated by low interest rates. They included housing construction, which grew at a 10.9 percent rate, and business investment in equipment such as computers and machinery, up at a 10 percent rate.

Consumer spending advanced briskly as well, at a 4.4 percent rate. It was particularly robust, 7.3 percent, for durable goods — big-ticket items expected to last three or more years.

In addition to trade, other soft spots included government spending, particularly for the military, and construction of commercial buildings, both up at a tiny 0.3 percent rate.

Senator urges labels on some video games

WASHINGTON (AP) — A screaming sorority sister beset by bloodsucking attackers; a fight ending with the removal of the head and spine of the loser.

These video game images must be kept from children through parental warnings, a lawmaker said Wednesday.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., flanked by Captain Kangaroo and other children's advocates, said that while these and similar video games are protected as free speech, they are too violent to be played by children.

"Few parents would buy these games for their kids if they really knew what was in them," Lieberman said at a Capitol Hill news conference. He showed examples of two games, Mortal Kombat and Night Trap.

Lieberman's bill, co-sponsored by Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis., would give the video game industry one year to produce "a credible, uniform system to warn parents." If the industry failed to produce its own system of ratings or warning labels, the bill would create an independent council to impose a warning system.

Sega says it already rates its games. A spokesperson for Nintendo did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Next week a Senate subcommittee chaired by Lieberman will hold hearings on the issue. Sen. of America Inc., one of the nation's largest video game distributors, said it is already keeping violent games away from children and younger teen-agers. Sega Vice President Bill White said, "The adult market today wants something more than just playing Pac Man."

Apparently, they're getting it. "We're not talking 'Pac Man' or 'Space Invaders' anymore," Lieberman said. "We're talking about video games that glorify violence and teach children to enjoy inflicting the most gruesome forms of cruelty imaginable."

Lieberman said he would prefer that Congress ban such violent games but he said they are constitutionally protected. Captain Kangaroo, also known as Bob Keeshan, said his initial reaction on seeing the videos was "disbelief — I just could not believe anybody could go that far."

DNA work might name war remains

WASHINGTON (AP) — Anticipating an influx of remains from the Korean War, the Pentagon is considering a promising system of DNA analysis to match body fragments with unaccounted-for Americans.

But such an effort would be costly and time-consuming, said Pentagon spokesman Maj. Steve Little, and no decision has been made to go forward.

Not a single set of remains returned from Korea in the past 39 years has been identified, and a study done for the Pentagon this year warned that the Army's main forensic laboratory may become "an expensive warehouse for the bones of the unknown."

About 8,140 American servicemen are listed by the U.S. government as unaccounted for from the 1950-53 Korean war. That includes 866 bodies returned in 1954 but never identified, those bodies were buried in Hawaii.

After 1954, no remains were returned until five were handed over by the North Koreans in 1990. Since then an additional 91 have been returned, but none of the 96 has been identified and U.S. scientists doubt many of them are bodies of Americans.

The identification problem is the dark side of a gradually improving picture on repatriation of U.S. and allied servicemen who fought on the South Korean side against the Soviet- and Chinese-backed communist North Koreans.

On Tuesday North Korean soldiers handed over 23 coffins with what they said were the remains of United Nations servicemen. It was the second repatriation this year, and North Korea said it would return more in December.

The main identification problem, officials say, is the damaged condition of the remains, the North's mixing of bones from multiple sets of remains in each coffin, and a shortage of detail from personnel files for U.S. Korean war casualties.

Tree comes to White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton Wednesday accepted an 18½-foot fir tree grown in North Carolina that will be displayed in the Blue Room of the White House during the holiday season.

"Beautiful tree," she said at the short ceremony outside the White House. The tree would be decorated with thousands of handcrafted ornaments from contributors around the nation, she said.

The tree was presented to Mrs. Clinton by North Carolina tree grower Wayne Ayers of the Roan Valley Tree Farm.

Ayers also presented the first family with a smaller tree, which will stand in the third-floor living quarters of the White House. Mrs. Clinton said the family tree would be decorated with personal decorations.

"We've always had a live tree," Mrs. Clinton said.

The tree made the final 100 yards of its journey from North Carolina to the steps of the White House in a horse-drawn wagon.

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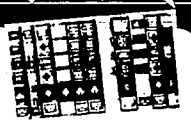
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Opinion

Editorial

For 150 years, Marley's taught us to keep Christmas

"Yellow, meager, ragged, scowling, wolfish; but prostrate, too, in their humility. Where graceful youth should have filled their features out, and touched them with its freshest tints, a stale and shrivelled hand, like that of age, had pinched, and twisted them, and pulled them into shreds."

— Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol"

He was Ignorance. She was Want. They huddled together beneath the clock of the Ghost of Christmas Present like a pair of starving mongrels at the margins of a campfire, transfixed by hunger, paralyzed by fear.

"Look carefully upon them, Ebenezer," the ghost thundered in a voice an octave or two below the howl of a wind rising from hell. "For on their brow is written doom."

Since they were published 150 years ago this month, those words have mesmerized each succeeding generation that's drawn close to the hearth or the TV set on a bitter winter's night, drawn near to have its fondlest hopes affirmed and its wits scared away.

"A Christmas Carol" is surely the most famous story in the English language. People who never heard of Shakespeare or Milton or of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego can tell you all about Tiny Tim and his father, the ink-stained and wretched Bob Cratchit, and Bob's boss, Ebenezer Scrooge — Michael Whittaker in bad dentures and tight shoes.

"Oh, but he was a tightfisted hand at the grindstone," Dickens wrote. "Scrooge had a squeezing, wrenching, grasping, scraping, clutching, covetous old sinner! Hard and sharp as flint, from which no steel had ever struck out generous fire; secret, and self-contained, and solitary as an oyster."

It was a piece of unabashed propaganda by a bleeding-heart liberal of his day, the kind of screed that would never make it out of the mailroom of

a modern publishing house. More's the pity, because "A Christmas Carol" transcended Victorian England and the 19th century — transcended them precisely because it manipulated its audience so masterfully.

The kids always knew better, of course. Children recognize a tall tale when they hear one, but for grownups of restless conscience and unkept promises, the echoes of "A Christmas Carol" never die away.

Maybe that's because the heart of the piece really isn't Scrooge, who was ever shrewd enough to tell when he was holding a losing hand. It's Jacob Marley, a ghost whose last chance came one choice too late.

He wears the chains he forged in life, hauls them unceasingly with hands that never opened to caress the face of a child or drop a couple of shillings into a poor man's hat.

Marley, you see, was too busy taking care of business.

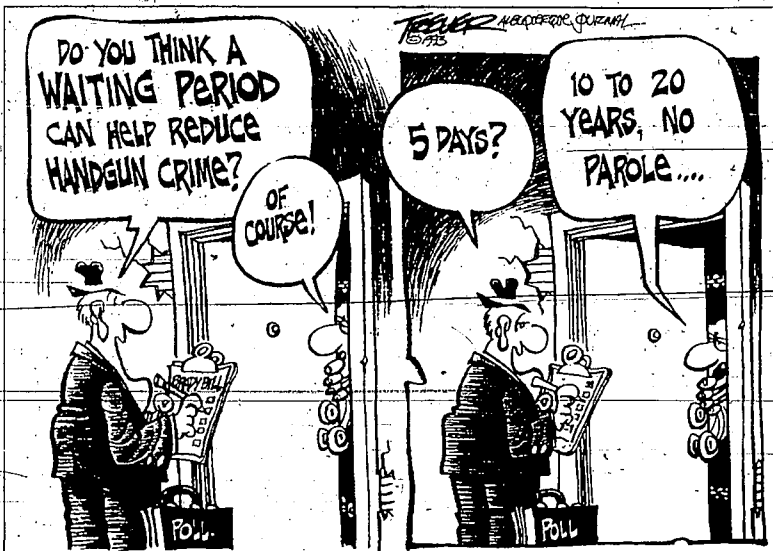
"Business!" he wails. "Mankind was my business. The general welfare was my business. Charity, mercy, forbearance and benevolence were all my business. The affairs of the counting house were but a drop in the ocean of the commonality of my business!"

Few grownups can read those words and not feel the faint tug of a chain.

It's interesting that a few miles from the house in London where Dickens wrote his story in the fall of 1843, there lived an expatriate German named Karl Marx who, like Dickens, spent his life railing against the Scrooges of the world.

"Only through the proletariat can the poor, the hungry, the dispossessed of the world find justice," he wrote. "The welfare of mankind cannot be trusted to mercy of the human heart."

Funny how things work out. Marx is dead. Marley will live forever.



Clinton strongarming takes its toll

WASHINGTON — Howard Paster's decision to leave the White House, where he was President Clinton's top congressional lobbyist, speaks volumes about the effort it took to achieve this year's legislative victories. Paster, who was fanatic about returning phone calls from members of Congress and attending to their needs, quit because he never got to see his wife and children — a condition that is not unique to him in this overworked and under-ordinated administration.

As Paster would be the first to insist, no congressional liaison chief ever had a president who worked harder at lining up votes than Bill Clinton did. Clinton is becoming legendary — or notorious — for phoning senators and representatives at all hours of the day and night to ask for their help.

Because of the heroic efforts of the president, Vice President Gore, Paster and the rest of the administration's lobbying team, Clinton came through his first legislative session with a respectable record of accomplishments.

Political historian Doris Kearns Goodwin was right to tell CBS' Bob Schieffer that it is "ridiculous" to compare the congressional output of 1993 to Lyndon Johnson's 1965 Great Society compulsion. But the times are different. There is neither the demand nor the money for the dozens of domestic programs — everything from Medicare to highway beautification — Johnson pushed through in his frenetic desire to make the most of his landslide victory over Barry Goldwater.

Clinton is as much an advocate of activist government as Johnson was, but he is also a realist who recognizes that a \$260-billion deficit and a 43-percent plurality victory limit his options.

What has made the work of congressional liaison so difficult for Paster and his colleagues is



David S. Broder

Clinton's inability to form any stable core of support on Capitol Hill. That is reflected in the wildly different coalitions that gave Clinton his two most notable victories of the year, the passage of his budget and economic plan in August and the approval of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in November.

The budget was, by design, a purely partisan exercise, with no effort to enlist Republican support. As rebellion broke out among Democrats against its energy tax increases and its spending cuts, Clinton and Paster did everything they could to hold enough members in line to pass it. The budget squeaked through the House with one vote to spare and got through the Senate by Gore breaking a 50-50 tie.

NAFTA was entirely different. Most Republicans supported it in the House and Senate; most Democrats, including two of the top three leaders in each chamber, were opposed. The margins of passage were comfortable, but the effort to get to that point, particularly in the House, was Herculean.

Looking at just those two issues, you can find only 78 of the 435 House members and 27 of the 100 senators who were with Clinton both times. That is an awfully thin cadre of support — and why Paster's job was so arduous.

Because Clinton's core of congressional loyalists is so small, he and his White House team had to start almost from scratch in assembling a coalition that could prevail on these and other issues. That was relatively easy on measures

that had passed in the previous Democratic Congress but had been blocked by presidential vetoes. Family leave legislation, the liberalized voter registration bill and the removal of the ban on fetal tissue research fall into that category.

It took hundreds and hundreds of hours to work out compromises on a modest national service program; the "Brady bill" waiting period for purchases of handguns, and legislation codifying a very slight easing of the military ban on homosexuals. Add in aid to Russia, a revision of the Hatch Act's ban on political activity by federal employees and the list of legislative accomplishments is almost complete.

Next year will be tougher, as Paster clearly realized when he made his decision to take early retirement. The basic budgetary direction has been set, but early in the year, Clinton will have to mount a major effort to beat back a balanced-budget constitutional amendment that clearly has majority support in Congress. Unfinished legislation on lobbying and campaign finance will not reach his desk in acceptable form without strong White House pressure.

And — in a trifecta of Johnsonian proportions — the president has major proposals he wants enacted to change the country's education system, its welfare system and, most challenging of all, its health care system.

Given the skimpiness of Clinton's committed support and the skittishness of all the House members and the senators who face re-election next year, the president and his team clearly cannot rest on their laurels.

Whoever takes Howard Paster's job can probably start making apologies to family and friends for a yearlong absence.

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Letters

Rayborn doesn't have bad traits

With more than 26 years experience in military communications intelligence and military counterintelligence (both overt and covert) working as an agent specializing in personnel management, my observation has been that "true" traits of virtually every individual will eventually manifest themselves. Every person's true self eventually gets to show through their mannerisms, speech, conversation, literature, interrelationships, etc.

I have known Melvin Rayborn for 41 years and have observed him in both the formal relationships of his duties as a minister and the personal relationships as a family member, including his relationship to his children — related and non-related. His youth ministry duties have placed him in an unusually close relationship with children over many years.

Never has there even been the slightest suggestion of deviant interest in such youth. Never has he suggested in actions, speech, off-color stories, literature in his office or home, conduct around children, etc., that he might ever lean toward such behavior. I personally have had such confidence in him that I have felt totally at ease in leaving my children in his sole custody and today would totally trust him to care for my grandchildren in any situation. The very idea of him showing inappropriate behavior is totally contradictory to every demonstrated personality trait that I have ever known him to portray.

If he were even in the slightest degree inclined toward prurient behavior, it surely would have manifested itself in some form over these 41 years. In the absence of any suggestion of prurience in 41 years, I do not now accept that he would suddenly manifest such behavior.

My conclusion can only be that any such accusation is a result of an imagination gone rampant and for which there is no basis.

JAMES L. JENSEN
Indianapolis, Ind.

Speed up Rayborn investigation

To Mr. James Cobble and the Jerome School Board:

Six years ago, my daughter (4 years old at the time) and I visited the church where Mr. Mel Rayborn was the visitation pastor. Not knowing if I had a husband in the home, he brought the assistant pastor with him when he came to our house for a visit.

In the following six years, I have observed Mel Rayborn as a Sunday school board member, Sunday school teacher, visitation pastor and friend. My daughter calls him a friend.

As a mom, it is my responsibility to know my child well enough to be able to read the signs of stress and fear caused by events and people affecting her life. She has never shown a fear or reluctance in Mel's presence. She readily gives him a hug whenever she sees him.

As a fellow Sunday school board member for three years, I observed Mel with other children. I never saw him act inappropriately with other children or saw children act afraid to be in his presence.

When the recent allegations were printed in *The Times-News*, I was stunned and sickened at heart. My prayers go out to Mel Rayborn and his family. The recent weeks have been a living hell for them — mostly because they still do not know what the incidents involved in the charges might be. It is difficult to defend a shadowed charge that has never been made official.

The Jerome School Board and Mr. Cobble owe Mr. Rayborn and his family a speedy answer and solution to these charges. A good man has been maligned and his career destroyed. If these "charges" have been investigated, then Mr. Rayborn should be able to know the results.

Give the Rayborn family an early Christmas present with an answer to the alleged incidents. My prayers are with you.

PAM DOWD
Twin Falls

Kemphorne, do more cutting

After reading the article of Nov. 23 on Kemphorne's cut in salaries to some of his aides, I can see where lots of wasted money could be saved.

It seems the Sen. Kemphorne has a chief of staff doing his job, the chief of staff has people doing his job and those people have staff doing their jobs. In other words, everybody has someone else doing their job, so why don't we keep the last man on the totem pole and fire all the rest?

WALT BURGESS
Buhl

Mediate senior center dispute

I have always felt that the holiday season is a time for praising God for our many blessings and a time for peace and goodwill as we look forward to the birth of Christ, but this year I am feeling a deep concern for our senior citizen center in Minidoka County, and I think some explanation should be made to clarify the situation there.

At the time the new building was built in 1986, a lease was drawn up and signed by both the city of Rupert and the senior center, which stated that the center would pay for the utilities.

However, to help the center during its "infant years," the city has been paying this bill. Now, with increasing prices and expanding expenses, the city must discontinue this service, and beginning next year, the center must assume this responsibility.

Since the senior center has been making plans for expansion, it apparently is reaching a "growing up" stage, so it is time for it to assume its original agreement with the city and be grateful for past assistance.

Just as children who often rebel when cast out of the nest, we are seeing some such reaction at the center as accusations are being directed against one of the seniors who is being blamed for causing the city to withdraw its support. If blame must be made, how about blaming the board of directors which, in 1986, sanctioned the lease between the city and the center?

It would seem wise for the board of directors to enlist an impartial mediator to help negotiate some sort of peaceful settlement so the center can have peace and harmony restored without further blame and mudslinging — no more "person non grata," which was a term introduced to the seniors recently.

EVELYN DUNN
Rupert

Aslett story handled poorly

To Doug Maughan, KMTV News Director:

I am writing in response to your story and report on the airplane crash and resultant death of Mr. Phil Aslett. I was very disappointed in the way it was presented. I don't think it was responsible reporting to start speculating about the crash and death being suicide. I feel you should think of his family and friends before you cast such clouds on someone's death. I hope you will apologize to the family and our community for this.

JAMES P. HUGHES
Twin Falls

Rayborn case reeks of cover-up

A local teacher, Mel Rayborn, has had his reputation forever tarnished some weeks ago by an unknown accuser or accusers. No mention has been made of the accuser's name. With the length of time involved, Mr. Rayborn has been forced to sit in the fire with a one-sided story against him and no defense for him.

This is beginning to smell like a cover-up! Something is wrong with our society when an unidentified child can ruin a reputation without proof.

CLAUDIE DURK
Jerome

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



Letters

Dunn isn't at fault

Early in October, or thereabout, there were articles in the South Idaho Press that there would be an increase in the cost of electricity that would affect everyone.

Also mentioned was the City Council would be looking for ways to cut expenses in all departments, including discontinuance of furnishing utilities for various establishments such as the library, the fire department and the senior citizens center. Therefore, these tentative plans were common knowledge to everyone.

A week or so later, another article appeared stating the City Council had selected a committee to investigate all electrical services, listing the names of the committee.

On Nov. 17, Mr. Ucci, in making his daily commitment prior to lunch (at the senior citizens center), opened with the remark, "Due to persons like Otha McGill and others like him making problems for the center, we now will have to pay for our electricity," seemingly laying all responsibility for this decision on Mr. McGill, even though he is only one of several on a committee — regardless of the fact the City Council had mentioned the consideration of this subject even before the committee was formed.

On Nov. 19, Evelyn Dunn, a former senior citizen board member, spoke to the senior group, voicing some displeasure of Mr. Ucci's announcement accusing one individual of being responsible for creating the additional expense for the center. After lunch, Mr. Ucci and Harold Catmull detained Mrs. Dunn and soundly reprimanded her for voicing her opinion to the congregation.

Ending with arm-waving and loud voices, Mr. Ucci stated that he had lost all respect for her because of her speech.

Mrs. Dunn, as a board member at the time the new center was built, is undoubtedly well aware of the contract and its contents made between the center and the city of Rupert, as well as the mayor and City Council.

In all fairness, shouldn't anyone be free to voice an opinion in this establishment without being chastised simply because they may not totally agree with the officials in charge?

The atmosphere now is to the point that either you go along without any opposition or be classed as a troublemaker and treated as such.

OTHA MCGILL
Rupert

Stop unfair family laws

Big news out of Boise and the Health and Welfare Command Central. The welfare section wants to start its latest anti-father smear campaign as we come into the holiday season. It seems twice a year, state "welfare" officials begin their unfriendly father smear campaigns.

At 10 a.m. today, Dec. 2, at the Canyon Springs Best Western in Twin Falls, a joint Idaho House/Senate Committee on child custody and visitation will convene. Testimony will be received from interested parties. These legislators want to know what the citizens feel are good and bad with child support and custody situations. Dads, take note!

In this latest Hollywood drama, we discover that the welfare case workers have been paying out money but one aspect is, "We'll give out money, food stamps, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, clothing, housing... but give us a guy's name. We'll push it through the court system and find them guilty of owing the state money." Guys are guilty. Guilty of everything according to the politically correct feminists and welfare workers.

It has long been known that, nationally, uncollected "child support records are judged by welfare departments which insist on a name to collect welfare from. Should the welfare-collecting mother claim anything like "father unknown" these, too, the welfare department simply keeps as files open and "uncollected." Until collected or a father is determined (frequently named but not located and doesn't know he's been named either), those "uncollected" files continue to grow.

As Father's Day and the Christmas season come about these lovely members, on the Welfare Department dole, attack Idaho's fathers and the many feminists organizations tell us families are bad, religion and "family values" are worse and, with men, all sex is rape. Is it any wonder how we now can pay out about 50 percent finder/collector fees to someone outside the Welfare Department to attack men?

If you wish to say "stop" to unfair, anti-family welfare laws then the opportunity is here, the legislators hear or accept witness testimony. Idaho will give AFDC to break up families but not a penny is found to keep struggling Idaho families together through rough times. Why? I suggest, divorced/unwed fathers "speak up now" or forever accept the consequences.

LLOYD TRIMMER
Gooding

Rayborn never mean.

Mr. Rayborn is my friend. I have known him ever since I was little. He came to visit me when I was in the hospital with diabetes. I like Mr. Rayborn.

Mr. Rayborn has never said anything to me that wasn't nice. He has never been mean to me. He has never hurt me. He has never touched me wrong.

When I see Mr. Rayborn, I give him a hug. I pray for him. I do not want to see him hurt anymore.

I am in the fifth grade now and will be 11 soon.
BRENNIA DOWD
Twin Falls

Rayborn great teacher

I have known Mr. Mel Rayborn since Sept. 1982, as he was my sixth-grade teacher at Central Elementary. I have always known him to be a gracious teacher who gained my respect and admiration 11 years ago. He has also been a very good family friend since.

Looking back over my school years, Mr. Rayborn was my "favorite teacher." As a senior in high school, you are allowed to be a student aide for one class. I chose Mr. Rayborn's. I had to get permission from the high school principal, the

elementary school principal and the superintendent. But it was worth it.

Every day for the last period of the day, I went over there to help him grade papers, write report cards and etc. I enjoyed having the opportunity to help Mr. Rayborn that year. During all the times that I was in Mr. Rayborn's class as a student or as his student aide, I never witnessed any inappropriate behavior with myself or his students. What I saw was a caring thoughtful teacher that deserved my respect as a student and as a friend.

My parents and I considered Mr. Rayborn a close family friend and asked him to attend my graduation. He accepted and he also attended our barbeque afterward with his lovely wife. My family and I have been close friends with Mr. and Mrs. Rayborn and that remains unchanged. He is truly an outstanding teacher in my eyes and always will be.

I've always hoped that my children would have the opportunity to have Mr. Rayborn as a teacher. I know my parents were very thankful that I had the chance.
SHELLEY M. FENDER
Twin Falls

Media act like mongrels

I have remained silent for long enough after witnessing our holier-than-thou local media working hard and relentlessly to expose the wicked and evil W.F. "Bill" Whitton for all of his sins.

Questions raised by a investigation of Idaho's attorney general's office about the Farm Times' circulation figures were what drew the first blood. Since then like a pack of rabid mongrels — KMTV, The Times-News, The South Idaho Press and KBAR — have worked themselves into a

feeding frenzy.

Now they have attached Whitton's questionable business ethics to his long-held mayor's chair, raising doubts and pointing fingers while printing anonymously whispered rumors of a possible recall.

If you believe local news sources, Bill Whitton is guilty as hell and should have his mayor's cap ripped from his head before he is tarred, feathered and banished from the Magic Valley for eternity.

Patetically enough, most people have bought into this way of thinking.

But where were our local media in the midst of a recent and substantial electrical rate hike voted in by Burley's City Council? Where were these "exposers of truth" when the Bureau of Land Management was heavily fined for allowing local farmers to use German Lake as a toxic dump site? And why is our local press all but ignoring the several unsolved local murders of recent history?

Why has the local radio station run "comical" sound bites on the "Bill Whitton Scandal?" Why did KMTV drop Bill Whitton's Farm News like a hollow-hearted spud?

Because they all have something to gain with the demise of the Farm Times publication: advertising dollars. And this is what the hoopla is all about, as demonstrated by the overwhelming lack of news coverage on pertinent local issues.

I seriously question the integrity or the honesty of a media that would only be motivated to "expose" only those injustices which are financially beneficial to themselves while ignoring the interests of the public.

I would suggest that before you

grab the bag of feathers, and before you light your torches, that you take a moment and consider your sources of information — and what they have to gain by watching Whitton's Farm Times print its very last issue.

CHRISTOPHER R. CLARK
Burley

Taxes money well spent

I have read a lot of comment lately about the inequity of property taxes as a means of funding our school system.

I recently received my property tax statement on my home in Wendell, which I think most consider to be at least an average home. I believe the following figures are quite enlightening.

First of all, the taxes going to School District 232 represent only

35 percent of the total property tax bill. Second, my total property tax bill for this year for School District 232 is \$282.60 or \$23.55 per month.

I have two children attending the school district so this equates to a total property tax cost of \$11.78 per child. At the same time, I pay over \$30 a month for cable television.

Finally, the increase in property taxes going to School District 232 over last year, a year in which we built a new high school, was a total of \$31.15, less than \$3 a month.

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Blue Shield stops payments to hospital

IDAHO FALLS — On Wednesday, Blue Shield of Idaho stopped making direct payments to Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center. Instead, the insurance company will send payments to subscribers, and they will pay hospital bills themselves.

It's the latest development in a battle between Blue Shield and the state's hospitals over new agreements Blue Shield says will help hold costs down.

Blue Shield has been trying to negotiate contracts with the state's 48 hospitals, covering services at a set rate. So far, 19 contracts have been signed.

Spence may help U of I coed who fell

MOSCOW — The Wyoming law firm of Gerry Spence, who successfully defended white separatist Randy Weaver on federal murder charges this summer, has agreed to help with a possible lawsuit on behalf of a University of Idaho freshman coed paralyzed in a fall after drinking at two fraternity parties.

John Etter, the attorney for Rejena Coghlan, 18, of Spokane, said that Spence and the longtime partner, Ed Moriarty, would probably take active part in any suit that is filed.

If a lawsuit is filed, Etter said possible targets include the university, both fraternities and Coghlan's sorority.

Hispanic judge takes oath in Caldwell

CALDWELL — Nearly 200 people filled a Canyon County courtroom to witness the swearing-in of Idaho's first Hispanic judge.

Sergio Gutierrez, 39, got a warm reception from Gov. Cecil Andrus, Attorney General Larry Echols, other state officials, judges and well-wishers Tuesday as he ascended to the 3rd Judicial District bench.

Andrus appointed Gutierrez to replace 3rd District Judge Jim Doolittle, who retired. "This is indeed a great moment, possibly the greatest moment of my life. Governor, your message was a positive one, and it was heard far and near. The message is that Hispanics are a part of what makes this state the great place it is."

Compiled from wire reports

Treasurer predicts education tax boost

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Despite the revenue-producing strength of Idaho's economy, state Treasurer Lydia Justice Edwards says a tax increase is inevitable if public education is to be financed adequately.

Following a speech to the Greater Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce, Edwards declined to advocate a tax increase.

But, she said, "As we plan for the future, it has to happen."

The state simply does not have enough cash to meet the demands of school districts that have claimed in court that the more than \$500 million in state aid to schools is not enough to provide the thorough education guaranteed by the Idaho Constitution, she said on Tuesday.

Recent economic assessments indicate the state could have as much as a \$75 million cash surplus next year for one-time projects and \$150 million more in new revenue for the budget year that begins next July. It appeared total revenue may run high enough to underwrite nearly all of the \$623.5 million in state aid education leaders are requesting for the 1994-1995 school year.



Edwards

But Edwards, a former Republican lawmaker who is completing her second four-year term as treasurer, said that fails to consider the \$700 million a 1992 study showed the state needed to spend to renovate or build adequate school buildings. Combining the \$15 million in yearly state Lottery profits with the \$530 million the state would reap annually if all exempt sales transactions were subject to the sales tax would still fall short, she said.

"So, I guess folks what I am saying is this is not a season for moderates, for people who say I don't know what I'm going to do but I'm not going to raise taxes," Edwards told the business leaders. "We need leaders who are willing to seize the matter and say this is what we have to do."

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Technology firm sweetens INEL management bid

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — One of the companies bidding for the management contract at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory says it will set up "one stop shopping" to make it easier to commercialize technology from the research center.

Thermo Technology Ventures Inc., a member of the team led by Lockheed Corp., said Wednesday it will set up offices with its partner company Dec. 15 in Idaho Falls.

Thermo Technology, a subsidiary of Thermo Research Corp., Wallingford, Mass., will work with Lockheed to identify, develop and help commercialize technology that can be used in private industry.

TTY said it will use Venrock Associates, a capital venture firm founded by the Rockefeller family. Venrock will buy a minority interest in TTY and will have the opportunity to invest in any new technology produced at INEL.

Bringing the national labs such as the INEL, industry, universities and financial backing together is what TTY's president, Thomas F. Widmer, says has been the missing link to technology transfer efforts at the Idaho nuclear research center.



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Thursday • December 2nd - Seniors Day 10am-9pm

9:00AM Complimentary Seniors Breakfast
10:00 Valley Handmade
11:00 Immanuel Lutheran Pre-School
12:00 Hubby Bogue
12:30 Hawaiian Elementary
1:00 Duff-High School
1:30 Eden Elementary School
2:00 Burt Hush
3:00 Jani Quade & Dora Slomator
3:30 Joni McFarlane
4:00 Jimmy Tree Story
5:00 Nielson Star Gazers - 1 Hour
6:00 The Grace Baptist Church Hands of Praise
6:30 Maria Garrett and Rachel Grimm
7:00 Twin Falls High School Chamber Singers
7:30 St. Edwards Catholic Church Choir
8:00 Razz-Ma-Tazz

Friday • December 3rd

11:00 Castleton Beginning Band
11:30 Flier Madrigal Choir
12:00 St. Edward's Childrens Choir
12:30 Popplewell Eto. Honor Choir
1:00 Clover Lutheran School Choro and Vocal Choirs
1:30 Immanuel Lutheran School Choir
2:00 Twin Falls Christian Academy
2:30 Kimberly 4th Grade
3:00 Jimmy Tree Story
3:30 Sherry Patterson
4:00 Zack Franz
4:30 Marty Mead and Alice Anderson

Saturday • December 4

11:00 Family Service Field
11:30 Immanuel Brass, Stumps, Handbells
12:00 Jump the Line
12:30 Japan Karate Do Ryu Do Kai
1:00 Shunzyu Martial Arts
1:30 Ho-Ton-Ta Dancers - 1 Hour
2:00 Jason Bear and Cindy Lively, Neal Jones
2:30 Magic Chords
3:00 First Assembly of God Singing Christmas Tree
4:00 Razz-Ma-Tazz
4:30 Nielson's Star Gazer Dance Co. - 1 Hour
5:00 Derald Glenn Family
6:00 Musical Theatre Class
6:30 Alpen Spielers
7:00 Wagon Ballads - 1 Hour
8:00 Rodeo Anita Boyle

Sunday • December 5th

1:00 Calvary Chapel Worship Community
1:30 Floyd Miller and Ruth Slutzman
2:00 Sherry Patterson
2:30 Joan Gabart "School of Classic Ballet"
3:00 Patricia Ball Modern Dance with Pat Ball and Dancers
3:30 Robert Stuart Bel Cantio Choir
4:00 Marty Mead and Les Chanteuse

Magic Valley

Around the valley

Buhl patrons vote today on school improvements

BUHL—School district voters today will cast their ballots on a \$7.5 million bond issue.

Polls will be open from noon to 9 p.m. at the Middle School and the district office.

The \$7.5 million bond issue will be paid back through property taxes. It will cost property tax payers an estimated \$3.05 per year for each \$1,000 of property value.

Money from the bond issue would be used for improvements to the high school, including an extra science classroom, a weight room, a remodeled home economics department and expanded boys' and girls' locker rooms.

At the elementary school, the money would pay for a new library, a better heating system, a remodeled administration, and upgraded restrooms to meet the American Disabilities Act.

The bond issue also would cover demolition of the 1920 building and remodeling the existing 1953 wing at the middle school, new district offices, building a new middle school, including a multi-purpose room and a 500-seat auditorium; architectural and engineering fees; and a 5 percent contingency for construction costs.

Voters with questions may contact the Buhl School District office at 543-6436.

Shooting that hurt Twin Falls boy likely was an accident

TWIN FALLS—A shooting Monday that injured a 16-year-old boy in the hand was probably accidental, Twin Falls Police Lt. Jim Kistler said.

The shooting happened at Morningside Drive and Shoup Avenue East, Kistler said.

It appears the youth was looking at the gun with a friend when it accidentally discharged, he said.

Democratic hopeful opposes proposed Air Force range

TWIN FALLS—Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ron Beitelbacher has added his name to the list of those who oppose a proposed Air Force training range in southern Owyhee County.

Gov. Cecil Andrus is backing the range as a way to guarantee the future of nearby Mountain Home Air Force Base.

But Beitelbacher, a former state senator from Grangeville, said he would support the range only if it were essential for national defense.

"I spent a lot of years in the Legislature making sure there were bighorn sheep in that area," he said.

"I'm unwilling to back away from all the work I did unless it's absolutely necessary."

County reports key to parks, recreation vehicles missing

TWIN FALLS—Sets of keys to Twin Falls County Parks and Recreation Department vehicles have been stolen.

Keys to various gates also were taken, according to a report filed with the Twin Falls police.

The report was taken Tuesday and states that the keys were stolen from the county yard at 450 Sixth Ave. E.

Committee studying public schools plans area hearings

TWIN FALLS—The special legislative committee studying the "thoroughness" of Idaho public schools plans two hearings in the Magic Valley next week.

The panel was formed in response to a lawsuit filed by 40-odd school districts against the state. The districts claim the state does not give them enough money for them to provide students a "thorough" education, as mandated by the Idaho Constitution.

The state has countersued, claiming that districts unable to offer a thorough education aren't using their state aid dollars efficiently.

Both hearings are set for Monday. The panel will meet at 9 a.m. at the Cassia County School District's administration building, 237 E. 19th St. in Burley.

At 2 p.m., the committee will meet at the O'Leary Junior High School auditorium, 2350 Elizabeth Blvd. in Twin Falls.

The hearings are open to the public, and all people are invited to testify.

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Murder suspect's probation revoked

By Phil Sahm
Times-News writer

GOODING—Thomas Robert Petersen, awaiting trial on two charges of first-degree murder, might go to prison before his March 28 trial.

Fifth District Judge-Phillip Becker ruled recently that Petersen twice violated his probation on a 1989 burglary conviction before landing in jail on the Gooding County murder charges in October.

Petersen and his cousin, Robert Johnson, both 24, are being held without bond on charges of murdering Connie Marie Allen and Ricky Lee Mangum in Gooding County on Sept. 14.

Petersen's probation stems from a Shoshone High School burglary in 1989 for which he was sentenced to five years in prison with a minimum of two years served. But the sentence was suspended, and he was placed on probation.

A week after Allen and Mangum died, while Johnson and Petersen were being held in Blaine County on charges unrelated to the murders, Petersen's probation officer filed a notice of probation violation on him—eight days before the probation would have ended.

In a report submitted to Becker on Sept. 21, probation officer Jerry Packer cited four probation violations dating to October 1990.

These violations included drunken driving in Twin Falls County in September 1990; two arrests, in June 1991 and January 1992, for disturbing the peace in Hailey; and a burglary charge in Blaine County in April 1993.

Petersen had "failed to make any progress toward rehabilitation and has become involved in new criminal activity," (Petersen) is considered a threat to society," Packer wrote in the Sept. 21 report.

He recommended that Petersen's probation be revoked and his original five-year prison sentence be imposed.

On Oct. 1 of this year, Lincoln County Prosecuting Attorney Jennifer Brown asked

Becker to revoke Petersen's probation and impose the prison sentence.

In ruling that Petersen had violated his probation, Becker cited the drunken-driving and disturbing-the-peace convictions. Becker is waiting for an updated "pre-sentence" investigation before deciding whether Petersen will go to prison for the probation violations.

Petersen's attorney, Severn Swensen Jr., declined to comment on Becker's ruling until the judge decides what to do about the sentence.

Neither Packer nor Brown could be reached for comment late Wednesday afternoon.

A helping hand



Kevin Pondiebury, right, Charles Lenkner and Gary Golay cut lumber for Habitat for Humanity's second Twin Falls house. Habitat is seeking volunteers to help 'blitz build' the house in seven days, starting at 9 a.m. Saturday. Work will continue until dusk and resume Monday through Saturday next week at Fourth Avenue West and Blake Street. The Salvation Army will provide lunch each day.

ANDY AREND/The Times-News

Officials: Staff shortages contribute to juvenile delinquency troubles

By Kirk Mitchell
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Street-wise school kids are getting away with crimes because the system handling them is understaffed and fragmented, school and government officials say.

"The kids are very versed," in how the juvenile justice system works, or fails to work, Twin Falls High School Principal Carl Snow said. "It's frightening."

Snow and several other school, law enforcement, court and social workers aired their concerns about a worsening juvenile delinquency problem in Twin Falls at a meeting Wednesday at district offices.

The officials also discussed ideas about tackling the problems.

Snow said some high-profile cases, including a student who admitted calling in bomb threats to the high school and another student arrested for illegal drug use, have sent the wrong messages to students.

In both cases, the students have "been adjudicated in court yet," he said.

"The word is all over campus that (officials) won't do anything," Snow said.

In contrast, an effective deterrent requires that kids learn there are immediate consequences for their actions, said St. John's Junior High School Principal Dale Thornberry.

'In most cases we don't know when they have a record even when they are charged here.'

—Dale Thornberry, junior high principal, on problems with transient students

Several officials said that a shortage of staff workers hinders their efforts to intervene effectively with students.

For example, because of Twin Falls Junior High District budget cuts this year, the school high in-school suspension program was eliminated, O'Leary Junior High School Principal Wiley Dobbs said.

The program was a way to ensure that disciplined students spent their suspended time constructively by studying at school. But now, many of the kids "are on the streets wreaking havoc," he said.

The junior high school also needs a resource officer to handle the growing delinquency and illegal drug-abuse problem at the schools, Dobbs said.

Thornberry said most of the discipline problems he encounters are caused by transient students who move in and out of the district.

Some of them have felony convictions from other locations and are staying with an uncle in town, he said.

In most cases we don't know when they have a record even when they are charged here," Thornberry said.

Twin Falls County Commissioner Norma Blass said the community needs a central reporting system that automatically notifies all agencies when one agency deals with a child.

Steve Woodworth, Department of Health and Welfare regional director, said there is no such thing as a juvenile justice system in Idaho. He said services were all fragmented.

"We need to look at re-engineering our community system at ground level," Woodworth said.

Ed McCarroll of Health and Welfare said officials need to work with kids when they first begin to have discipline problems in elementary school.

Teachers may not be able to change the child's home atmosphere, but they could teach survival skills to ensure their success in life, McCarroll said.

The group of officials will continue to meet to plan ways to solve the problems of juvenile discipline, said Mark Lanting, the school district's student-assistance coordinator.

District seeks comment on trails plan

By Michael Hoffberger
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM—Sections of seven popular hiking and mountain biking trails in the Ketchum-Sun Valley area will be closed or relocated if a plan proposed by the Ketchum Ranger District is approved.

"Use of these trails, as well as their steepness, has led to severe erosion problems," said Ketchum District Ranger Alan Pinkerton.

The district plans to close and rehabilitate troubled sections of trail and replace them with newly constructed trails with moderate grades and self-cleaning drainage dips to prevent erosion. Trails affected would include Deer Creek Trail between Bear Creek and Cinnamon Creek, North Fork Deer Creek Trail, Upper Greenhorn Trail, Noy Aug Trail in Noy Aug Gulch, Ed Warrior Trail near the headwaters of Enclosure Creek, Red Warrior-Lodgepole Creek in upper Red Warrior, and Baker Lake Trail.

A map displaying the specific locations of the proposed trail projects is available at the Ketchum Ranger District Office on Sun Valley Road in Ketchum. For further information, or to comment on the proposal, contact Steve Clark or Butch Harper at 622-5371.

Written comments may be sent to Ketchum Ranger District, P.O. Box 2356, Ketchum, ID 83340. All comments must be received by Dec. 22.

State may receive Triumph cleanup

The Associated Press

BOISE—Federal officials have confirmed that they are willing to turn over to the state responsibility for cleaning up contamination at the Triumph Mine site in the Wood River Valley.

In a statement, the Environmental Protection Agency said it had already discussed that possibility with state officials as well as cleanup options that would postpone Triumph's designation as a federal Superfund site.

State and local officials have been fighting for that opportunity for months, maintaining that state and local control of the

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State education committee will hear comments on ODDM, school reform

By Drew DeSilver
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—A Twin Falls legislator plans three hearings on school reform during the legislative session that begins next month.

House Education Committee Chairman Ron Black will give proponents and opponents of controversial reform strategies, such as outcome-based education, two hours each to testify.

Black, R-Twin Falls, said the committee would use the hearings to help decide whether or not to recommend continued funding for the state's school reform program.

Several members of the committee, Republicans as well as Democrats, had requested hearings to get a better idea of what outcome-based education and other school-reform efforts are all about, Black said.

He stressed that the hearings were not an attempt to "smear" school reform.



Black

a form of outcome-based education known as the Outcomes-Driven Developmental Model.

For the past few years, the state has funded a handful of school-reform projects under its "Schools 2000" program. But the 1993 Legislature cut funding for Schools 2000 in half—to \$1 million—amid signs that the House's GOP leadership wants to kill the program entirely.

"Until we get both sides to explain—where they're coming from, the committee members are just picking up little bits of information wherever they can," he said.

This spring, the Twin Falls school district became embroiled in a controversy over

"I don't know if there is support among the legislators to continue that program the way it's been going," Black said.

Black's committee will, for the first time, make a formal recommendation to House-Senate budget writers on how much to spend on public school reform, as well as on the entire public school support program.

The Senate Education Committee has made a public school funding recommendation for the past several years, and Black said he wanted to "counterbalance" it. The Senate panel—like the House panel—generally has favored higher school spending than the House.

The first hearing, devoted to supporters of reform, will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Jan. 20 in the Boise City Council chambers.

The second hearing, set aside for reform critics, will be on Jan. 21 at the same time and place.

The third hearing, reserved for the general public, will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 22, also in the Boise City Council chambers.

NEA brings Magic Valley money

By Patricia Willens
State News Service

WASHINGTON — Congress has let funding for the National Endowment for the Arts pass with little controversy compared to previous years, giving its new chairman the benefit of the doubt.

In the past, congressmen railed against federal arts funding, describing it as wasteful and radical, and that supposedly were supported with taxpayers' money.

This year they approved a \$170 million NEA budget without the hours of debate and antics.

"Members of Congress love the fact that (Chairman) Jane Alexander is a responsible and responsive leader concerned with the taxpayer," said Virginia Cohen, an NEA spokesman. "Before, taxpayers felt they were being ignored."

'Unfortunately there are people who have only heard of those controversial things that were funded ... and are not aware of all the good it does in our community.'

— Ruth Turner, Magic Valley Arts Council

In honor of the benign treatment, the award-winning artists has hit the road with a one-woman show determined to show local communities what the endowment does for them. En route to the Midwest, Alexander was not available for comment.

But in a recent interview she said she was taking the offensive in the fight for acceptance.

"I'm going to get out there and try to tell the truth and hope people will listen with regard to the 100,000 grants in 27 years," Alexander told the Associated Press.

In Idaho the NEA influence is considerable, with grants targeting the arts, systems and rural areas that may not see many live performers or artists otherwise. Cohen said 25 percent of the Idaho applications are accepted, the same rate as New York's.

Much of the NEA money goes to the Idaho Commission on the Arts which acts as a distributor to local groups. The commission received \$135,000 in one quarter of this year. Overall the Gem State received eight grants in 1993 for a total of \$645,100.

Indirectly, the NEA helped Rebecca Hom, a Twin Falls storyteller who enjoyed a stint as an artist in residence at the Sawtooth Elementary School. The program was started with NEA help and now is supported solely by the local parents association.

"Storytelling is part of everyone's lives," Hom said. "It crosses all the lines." She said the students learned new ways of expressing themselves as well as about different cultures through her tales.

Ruth Turner, the president of the Magic Valley Arts Council, said the region's small arts community is strong in its support of the NEA, and other arts programs but, it often faces an uphill battle when it comes to public relations.

"Unfortunately there are people who have only heard of those controversial things that were funded ... and are not aware of all the good it does in our community," Turner said.

The Magic Valley council focuses on keeping ticket prices low, attracting young parents and children to performances, and spreading seed resources as wide as possible, she said.

The Idaho delegation to Congress, mostly supported the recent appropriation for the NEA which was about a \$4 million reduction from the previous year. But there is not much support for the Idaho senators and Rep. Mike Crapo criticized the misuse of the arts funds and possible waste in the agency.

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Official: Water policy overview needs rewrite

BOISE (AP) — A legislative committee might have to change a proposed policy statement dealing with aquifer recharge.

The panel, which met at the Snake River Plain Aquifer, is working on recommendations to the next session of the Idaho Legislature, convening next month, on the best way to put water into the Snake River Plain Aquifer. The vast underground waterway provides a big part of the state's water supplies.

A proposed "statement of policy" declares that recharge of Idaho's ground water aquifers is a beneficial use of Idaho water.

But Keith Higginson, director of the Department of Water Resources, told lawmakers that could create problems.

Carney said Idaho has options now on what to do with water when there is a surplus, but state leaders must "look down the road."

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Sen. Mark Ricks, R-Rexburg, co-chairman of the panel, said the policy statement may have to be rewritten.

"I honestly think putting water into the ground is a beneficial use," Ricks said. "You aren't sending it downstream or to the Pacific Ocean."

Higginson said state laws already declare formal recharge systems a beneficial use of water. The only system now operating is at Shoshone, he said.

Allowing the creation of water rights through incidental recharge as a part of irrigation could cause a lot of problems, he said.

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Other hunters join in fight to remove Conley

POCATELLO (AP) — Hundreds of southern Idaho sportsmen have joined a campaign started in the Magic Valley to dump veteran Fish and Game Director Jerry Conley.

About 300 hunters met with local legislators in Pocatello on Tuesday to outline their grievances against Conley and his department.

Because of declining deer herds, they want the state to delay setting non-resident hunting tags until next spring. They blamed that decline, and what one called the overall deterioration of sportsmen resources, on mismanagement by Conley.

"The man at the top is responsible for the performance of his team," said Van Tillotson. "Things won't change down here until they change in Boise."

Last week, a report surfaced that Goding sportsman Dennis Frisby was leading a petition drive calling for Conley's removal.

On Gov. Cecil Andrus to fire Conley and replace Magic Valley Fish and Game Commissioner Wesley Rose.

Frisby and his supporters claimed mismanagement had resulted in a decline in Idaho's fisheries and fewer large game animals, pheasants and upland game birds.

The complaints were expected to be considered by the commission during its meeting through Friday in Boise.

But department spokesman Jack Truchbult pointed out that Conley serves as director at the pleasure of the commission and not the governor, and he disputed the allegations of mismanagement.

Despite claims to the contrary, department officials maintained that the big-game winter feeding policy, financed by a \$1.50 fee on hunting tags, is not responsible for the decline in herds.

GOP letter seeks to help Idaho's 'Sen. Tomorrow'

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Republican Party is a little embarrassed about a major mistake in a fund-raising letter sent out this week.

A letter that went out this week under the name of Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan., the minority floor leader in Congress, was intended to help Idaho Republicans.

The appeal said past donations have helped create great Republican victories, "such as those won by my good friends: Senator Larry Tomoriow, Senator Dirk Kempthorne, Representative Mike Crapo and many, many others with whom I am proud to serve."

Party Executive Director Mike Reynolds said it's embarrassing and apparently occurred at party headquarters due to clerical error.

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CSI financial aid workshops begin

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Financial Aid Office has planned several workshops to provide information for people planning to attend college next fall.

The workshops are intended for both new and returning college students who have financial aid questions; parents of students are also welcome. The application process will be covered in detail, and questions about filing deadlines and filling out forms will be answered. All workshops begin at 7 p.m.

Sessions will be today at the Shields Building at CSI; Dec. 13 at Minico High School; Dec. 13 at Minico High School; Dec. 13 at Gooding High School; Dec. 14 at Jerome High School; Dec. 15 in Room 115 of the Shields Building at CSI; Dec. 16 at Kimberly High School; Jan. 6 in Room 118 of the Shields Building at CSI; Jan. 10 at Twin Falls High School; Jan. 11 at the CSI Minicars Center in Burley; and Jan. 12 in Room 118 of the Shields Building at CSI.

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Death notices

Emil Riedinger
PAUL — Emil Riedinger, 87, of Paul, died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1993, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

Mabel Andressen
BURLEY — Mabel Andressen, 86, of Burley, died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1993, in Brigham City, Utah. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the View LDS Church with Bishop Orin Woodbury officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at McCulloch's Funeral Home in Burley and from 11 to 10 a.m. on Saturday at the church.

Brian K. Simpson
RUPERT — Brian Keith Simpson, 17, of Rupert, died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1993, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

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Obituaries



Margaret L. Hatfield

TWIN FALLS — Margaret L. Hatfield, 76, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Nov. 29, 1993, at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital.

She was born Nov. 13, 1917, in Steamboat Springs, Colo., the daughter of John A. and Henrietta Eickelberg MacLaughlin. She attended schools in Denver, Colo. On Jan. 20, 1935, she married Eugene V. Hatfield in Denver and they resided in Twin Falls in the spring of 1940.

She attended Twin Falls Business College in 1960, and was employed as a medical transcriptionist until retiring in 1982.

Mrs. Hatfield was active in the Blue Ladies Club, Rebekah Lodge, PTA and Campfire Girls. Survivors include her husband, Eugene V. Hatfield of Twin Falls; three daughters, Joanne (Kay), Mano Hing of Saratoga, Calif., and Sandra Hagen and Linda (Wayne) Moore, both of Phoenix, Ariz.; six grandchildren, Kevin, Kim and Kathryn Hing of Saratoga, and Tanya, Allen and Melody Moore of Phoenix; and one brother, Harold MacLaughlin of Denver. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister and two brothers.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, with Dr. Wayne Weld-Martin officiating. Interment will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the March of Dimes, Twin Falls Division, Idaho State Chapter, 855 S. Curtis Road, Boise ID 83705.

George L. Merritt

TWIN FALLS — George Lovern Merritt, 58, of Twin Falls, is finally

is pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

Thomas

Valley life

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The deadline is Monday, Dec. 13.

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Valley happenings

Sigma Gamma Chi frat sells fudge

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Chapter of Sigma Gamma Chi fraternity is selling its special homemade fudge. Orders will be taken through Dec. 15 for either walnut or plain fudge. Cost is \$5 for a 1½-pound package. Delivery will be between Dec. 20 and 22. For more information or to place an order, call 733-8737 and leave a message. Call backs will be made to confirm orders.

Draft horse, mule association meets

TWIN FALLS — The Southern Idaho Draft Horse and Mule association has planned its Christmas Party for 7 p.m. Friday in the banquet room at the Western Plaza, 1850 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. A buffet dinner with meat entree will be served. Cost is \$11.16 per person. Those attending are asked to bring a gift valued under \$5 for either male or female for a gift exchange. Anyone planning to attend is asked to call Joyce Edwards at 324-1178 or Betty Shriver at 733-3288.

Magic Squares plans workshop Friday

EDIN — The Magic Squares Square Dance Club has planned a square dance workshop for Friday at Anderson Campground. The workshop for experienced dancers will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Beginners' lessons will be from 8:30 to 10 p.m. For more information, call Jeanne Gray at 829-5912.

Gooding seniors set Saturday breakfast

GOODING — The Gooding County Senior Citizens have planned a breakfast for Saturday. Coffee, eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, juice and milk will be served from 7:30 to 11 a.m. at the senior center, 308 Senior Ave. Cost is \$2.50 per person. The public is invited.

MVRMC offer Big Kids Club class

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center has planned a Big Kids Club siblings' class for 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the second-floor conference room at the medical center. Instructor Kristy Burkett, R.N., recommends that older brothers and sisters attend during the mother's eighth month of pregnancy. Children should bring a favorite doll or stuffed animal to the class. Cost is \$5 per child or \$8 per family. Class size is limited to 10 participants, and pre-registration is advised. To register, call the MVRMC Education Department at 737-2900 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

Woman wants to enjoy holidays alone

DEAR ABBY: How does one politely but firmly refuse invitations from friends, neighbors and former co-workers to spend Thanksgiving and Christmas Day at their homes filled with all their relatives?

I am a retired single woman with no relatives in the area, and I don't mind spending those holidays alone. I am not anti-social, but I do not enjoy pretending to have a good time in a house full of strangers. I much prefer driving to a fine restaurant where I can order whatever I want. If the weather is bad and driving is risky, I prefer to stay home and try my hand at preparing some fancy gourmet dish.

A "Thank you, but I've made other plans" does not satisfy well-meaning friends, neighbors and former co-workers. They insist on knowing what "the plans" are. When they learn I plan to be alone, they protest, "Oh, you can't do that — you're coming to put house!" Then



Dear Abby
Abigail
VanBuren

a big hassle usually follows.

Abby, I don't want to offend them, but must I lie and make up a story to silence them? Please comment, and sign me.

... THANKS
BUT NO THANKS

DEAR THANKS: You need not lie; neither are you obligated to answer every question you are asked.

Respond good-humoredly and simply with: "I appreciate your invitation, but please don't worry about me — I have other plans. Can we just leave it at that?"

DEAR ABBY: Can you please tell me why otherwise polite and

well-mannered people fail to answer personal letters?

None of my friends would ever dream of slamming a phone down in someone's ear, or a door in someone's face. Yet they lack the comfort courtesy it takes to answer a letter.

I don't expect long, literary masterpieces; I'd be satisfied with a couple of chatty paragraphs, or even, "I received your letter but haven't had time to reply." (Actually, how much time would it take?)

In August of 1991, I initiated a round-robin letter among a group of friends who used to get together regularly but are now separated by geographical distance. It took an unbelievable 10 months for eight people to get the letter back to me — yet each of them thought the round-robin idea was great.

As I write this, it has been 15 months since I started that letter, now on its second round. In order to

track-down-its-whereabouts, I sent what I considered polite inquiries to each member of the group. That was two weeks ago, and so far only two people had the courtesy to respond.

None of these so-called friends is too destitute — or physically impaired — to write a letter, stamp and mail it. What could be the explanation for such blatant rudeness?

— HURT IN EUCLID, OHIO

DEAR HURT: The most obvious explanation is that the group of friends who used to get together regularly are not sufficiently motivated to carry on a correspondence.

Their failure to continue the round-robin is not necessarily "blatant rudeness"; call it diminished interest, laziness or whatever, but don't take it personally. Not every one is as enthusiastic about writing letters as you (and I) are.

Mormon store won't stock
'Utah Sex and Travel Guide'

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Cartoonist Calvin Grondahl's new book, "Utah Sex and Travel Guide," won't find shelf space at Mormon Church-owned Deseret Book because customers might not like it.

Grondahl "is a very funny man," said Deseret Book Vice President Roger Toone. But in the latest cartoon collection, Grondahl's sixth, "there are some things we're uncomfortable with, some things that would be offensive to our customers."

It's not the first time Grondahl's cartoons have been humor not gratis at Deseret Book.

"I think they've turned them all down at one time or another. I think it's all politics, how they feel at the moment," Grondahl said.

"It wouldn't be a Grondahl book if it wasn't banned by Deseret Book," said Ron Priddis, a spokesman for Grondahl's publisher, Signature Books.

Grondahl, who also is the Standard-Examiner's staff cartoonist, said none of the book's cartoons appeared in the newspaper, although some ideas he used for newspaper cartoons were redrawn for the book.

One cartoon shows two gay men walking hand-in-hand through Salt Lake City's Memory Grove while a nearby woman asks her husband: "Why don't we hold hands here anymore?"

The other illustration Deseret Book found objectionable is of a woman driving across a Southern Utah desert. She tells her male companion, dressed in a BYU T-shirt, how she loves driving her Jeep with her top down. The woman's breasts aren't visible but her halter top is waving from the roll bar.

Toone said Deseret Book has buyers who read books and decide whether they are appropriate for the

stores' largely Mormon clientele. Company officials honor buyers' recommendations.

In the case at hand, buyers, advised against stocking the book, he said.

Grondahl, who served a mission for the Mormon Church and regularly attends worship services, says Deseret Book's decision not to order copies of his book could help sales in competing stores.

"Sometimes being banned is a good thing. And you don't want to be too comfortable with the powers that be," said Grondahl, who once was political cartoonist for the Mormon Church-owned Deseret News.

But that was before he produced four books of what he calls "in-house jokes for Mormons." Then he wrote "Utah and All That Jazz," which Grondahl says is just about what's in the local culture. It's not theological.

The latest book is about relationships in the 1990s, he said, about Utahns his age, in their middle years, "going back into the market looking for a partner. It's about families. It's about people who are separating. It's about what is inspirational for them."

And, it has a cultural point of view, a sense of humor most Utahns will understand and that will make some readers laugh, he said.

Out of the initial press run of 6,000, Priddis said 4,000 copies of "Utah Sex and Travel Guide" already have been sold to Wasatch Front book stores.

Priddis said Grondahl "is very popular in the local markets. His books consistently sell 20,000 to 25,000 copies in a year or two. That's very respectable. It's good by anyone's standards."

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Prosecutor says he'll bring out all evidence for Wood hearing

POCATELLO (AP) — Ever since James Edward Wood confessed to murdering 11-year-old Jeralee Underwood in June, prosecutors and defense lawyers have argued over the details to be presented at his sentencing.

To justify a death sentence, Bannock County Prosecutor Mark Hiedeman plans to submit strong evidence at Wood's sentencing hearing

opening Tuesday at Pocatello. He will say Wood, 45, returned to Underwood's corpse several days after murdering her, engaged in sexual intercourse and then dismembered the body.

The body of Jeralee, who was a carrier for the Idaho Star Journal, was found along the Snake River at Idaho Falls, 50 miles north of Pocatello, eight days after she was kidnapped off

a direct while collecting from customers.

Hiedeman disclosed the details Tuesday in a newspaper interview.

"I intend to make sure everybody knows and I think the public has a right to know the kind of person they're dealing with," Hiedeman said.

Hiedeman said he will use photographs and Wood's taped confession to support that claim.

Public Defender Monica Whittier has argued the evidence isn't relevant and only serves to inflame the emotions of 6th District Judge Lynn Winmill, who will decide whether Wood is sentenced to death or fixed life in prison.

Whittier tried to block admission of the evidence but last week Winmill agreed to hear it. However, the judge said he may later rule the information irrelevant and ignore it.

There also was talk about closing Wood's sentencing hearing to the press and public when the graphic evi-

dence "came up." But Hiedeman opposed it and Whittier said the discussion didn't get far because there was no legal basis for barring the public.

"Whether the hearing is open or closed, the judge is going to hear the evidence," Whittier said.

"The only thing we're concerned about is public reaction and how the

Underwoods will be treated." In September, Wood admitted abducting the girl June 29 and shooting her in Idaho Falls the next day. He was arrested July 6.

Police hold suspect in girl's abduction

PETALUMA, Calif. (AP) — A suspect in the slumber party kidnapping of a 12-year-old girl was in police custody Wednesday.

Richard Allen Davis, 39, was arrested on parole violations Tuesday in a house on the Coyote Valley Indian Reservation in northern California, police said.

Polly Klaas has been missing since she was kidnapped Oct. 1 during a slumber party at her home in Petaluma, about 40 miles north of San Francisco.

"This is the prime suspect in this case," Petaluma Police Sgt. Mike Kerns said at a news conference Wednesday morning.

"We're in the process of developing evidence that will link him to Polly's abduction and we hope to have more for you later in the day," FBI Special Agent Rick Smith said. No remains have been recovered.

Police believe Polly's kidnaper entered her house through an unlocked door or window while she and two friends were playing a board game in her room.

Polly's mother was sleeping in a bedroom nearby.

The bearded man, armed with a knife, tied and gagged the three girls



Klaas

Davis

and threatened to slit their throats if they screamed.

Before he took Polly, the man asked "Who lives here?" and "Where are your valuables?"

Kerns said authorities received information Sunday that led them to the reservation about 110 miles north of San Francisco. He refused to elaborate.

Tribal administrator Priscilla Hunter said the house was occupied by squatters who did not belong to the Pomo Indian tribe.

The kidnapping set off a huge search that has involved nationwide distribution of hundreds of thousands of flyers with a sketch of the abductor.

Actress Winona Ryder, who grew up in Petaluma, had offered a \$200,000 reward.

Man receives probation for role in Denny beating

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The man accused of opening the door to Reginald Denny's rig at the start of last year's riots was sentenced to probation Wednesday and urged by the judge to get job training.

Antoine Miller had pleaded guilty earlier to grand theft for going through Denny's pockets. He also pleaded guilty to receiving stolen property — a purse — and assaulting a woman.

Fourteen other charges, including attempted murder, were dropped under a plea bargain.

Denny was pulled from his gravel-hauling truck and beaten at Florence and Normandie avenues at the start of the 1992 riots, sparked by the acquittals of four white officers in the beating of black motorist Rodney King.

Superior Court Judge Cecil Mills sentenced Miller to 27 months probation and 100 hours of community service. Mills told Miller to seek employment immediately and said his community service could involve job training.

Miller spent 17 months in jail before being freed on bail. He was freed on his own recognizance when he entered the plea Nov. 9.

In a separate sentencing hearing for Damian Williams, Superior Court Judge John Ouderkirk barred the testimony about the black community's anger toward the outcome of King beating trial.

"This is not the place to talk about the politics of riots in general or of this riot," Ouderkirk told Williams' attorney, Edith Paul.

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Mr. Doubtfire	12 7:30-9:45	12:30-2:45 5:00
Puffy	PG 7:30-9:45	6:15
My Life	12 7:30-9:45	12:45-3:00 5:15
Bay. Hobbies	PG 7:45-9:45	Ends Thursday 12/2
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We're Back	G 7:00	12:30-2:00 4:05-5:20
Caddy's Way	R 8:45	8:45
Nightmare/Kings	PG-8:45 Only	Ends Thursday 12/2
Motorcycle	PG 7:00 Only	12:30-2:30
TEXOMA CINEMA	NIGHTLY TIMES	Sat. Sun. Matinee
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World

Militants kill 1, wound 3 others

EL BIREH, Occupied West Bank (AP) — In the latest assault on Mideast peace plans, Palestinian gunmen killed an Israeli kindergarten teacher and wounded three Jewish settlers Wednesday as they stood by their disabled car.

Two groups of Palestinian radicals opposed to the Israel-PLO autonomy accord claimed responsibility for the drive-by shooting on the West Bank, and settlers swore to do everything they could to block the turnover of authority.

The drive-by attack took place after the bloodiest day in the territories since the Sept. 13 agreement was signed. Unrest in the occupied lands has escalated with the approach of a Dec. 13 deadline, set down in the accord, to start the turnover of control to Palestinians.

Shalva Osana, 24, a teacher at the nearby Beit El settlement, was killed Wednesday and Yitzhak Weinstein, 19, a Jewish seminary student, was critically wounded as they stood outside their rented Fiat Uno. Two other passengers were slightly hurt in the attack at the entrance to El Bireh, seven miles north of Jerusalem.

The car, which had a problem with its exhaust system, was still up on its jack after the attack. There was a pool of blood behind the car and the victims' blood-soaked clothing was piled nearby. Bandages were strewn about on the ground.

There were two claims of responsibility. The Muslim militant group Hamas proclaimed on loudspeakers in Gaza City that the attack was in retaliation for the Nov. 24 killing of Muad Aqal, head of the Gaza military wing.

The other was from the Democratic Front, a radical PLO faction that said in Damascus it was avenging the killing of Palestinians by Jewish settlers.

Both groups oppose the peace pact, which does not guarantee the eventual establishment of a Palestinian state.

Settlers vowed reprisals, and some threatened to fire on Palestinian police who are to start patrolling the Gaza Strip and Jericho on the West Bank after Israeli troops withdraw.

The Israelis have been wary because they give full backing to the



Mourners attend the funeral of Shalva Osana, 24, killed Wednesday while standing beside a rented car north of Jerusalem.

murderers," settler leader Pinchas Wallerstein said after a raucous meeting where settlers, some banging fists on tables, argued over how to respond to Wednesday's killing.

"The Arabs want to kill us, and the Israeli government is giving them weapons," Wallerstein said.

Aharon Domb, a settler spokesman, swore to shoot any Palestinian police officer that he encounters after self-rule is established.

"Any Arab policeman with a gun is

a potential terrorist, and we will open fire on him," he said.

The escalating violence, combined with uncertainty about the future, is steadily eroding public support for the peace agreement on both sides.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, speaking in Brussels, acknowledged that every attack on Israelis is "a blow to the faith of many in Israel that it's possible to come to peace."

Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur said the escalation was expected. "As we grow closer to



the deciding date, acts against the agreement are liable to increase," he told Israeli army radio.

The army sent reinforcements to the occupied lands.

Settlers accused Rabin of sacrificing them for peace with the Palestinians. "Rabin has made the lives of ... Jews expendable to continue his romance with (PLO chief Yasser) Arafat," said Yehiel Leiter, spokesman for the Settlers' Council. "It is our intention to open the eyes of the public so this is stopped."

Settlers said they would block roads throughout the West Bank and Gaza in protest on Thursday. The Settlers' Council also urged Israeli soldiers and policemen to refuse orders involving troop withdrawal and the creation of the Palestinian police force.

Leiter said the shooting gave a new push to plans to erect 130 makeshift settlements in a symbolic gesture of expansion called "This Is My Land."

The campaign apparently is intended to provoke the government into confronting settlers and dragging them off the land, a situation they believe will win sympathy from the Israeli public.

Nerve gas reportedly used during Gulf War

PRAGUE, Czech Republic (AP) — Czech specialists believe chemical weapons were used five times during the Gulf War, a U.S. senator said Wednesday.

About 2,000 of the 500,000 American troops who served in the Gulf have complained of mysterious ailments known as Persian Gulf Syndrome, and some of them suspect chemical warfare is to blame. Symptoms include pain in muscles and joints, abdominal pain, diarrhea, weight loss, fatigue and headaches.

The Pentagon has acknowledged three instances in which at least traces of chemical agents were detected in northern Saudi

Arabia, but says that could not be the cause of the health problems. Sen. Richard Shelby, D-Ala., told reporters in Prague that Czech units detected traces of nerve gas at three sites on Jan. 19, 1991, and traces of mustard gas in the air and on the ground on Jan. 24, Shelby said.

There is nothing to prove the chemical agents came from Iraq, although coalition forces had feared Baghdad would use chemical weapons during the war.

The senator is on a three-day visit to review the results gathered by a Czech team of anti-chemical weapons specialists during the war.

Briefly

Peace talks propose divided Sarajevo

GENEVA — Bosnia's Muslim-led government said for the first time Wednesday it would agree to divide Sarajevo with rival Serbs if that would save lives among the besieged population.

Sources close to peace talks said that Serbs are insisting on getting about 40 percent of the Bosnian capital and would be willing to return other territory to the Muslims as part of a deal.

The development signaled an important step forward in often troubled three-sided talks aimed at ending a 19-month war that has claimed more than 200,000 lives. "Frankly I find any division of Sarajevo to be repugnant, the recreation of Berlin," Bosnia's U.N. ambassador, Muhamed Scajirbey, told reporters.

Sides in Georgia conflict sign pact

GENEVA — The Georgian government and Abkhazian separatists signed an accord Wednesday that is meant to pave the way toward peace in the troubled former Soviet republic.

It fell short of a full-fledged peace agreement. A memorandum of understanding was signed after two days of face-to-face peace talks—the first since Abkhazian rebels forced Georgian troops from Sukhumi, the provincial capital on the Black Sea, in September.

Somalia clan members ready for talks

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — Somalia's rival clan leaders maintained confrontational stances Wednesday as they prepared to meet face-to-face.

Ali Mahdi Mohamed arrived in Addis Ababa for the meeting with Mohamed Farrah Aidid and the leaders of Somalia's other factions, a senior Ethiopian official said.

Aidid was planning to show up today for the gathering beginning later in the day or Friday, said Abdul Majid Hussein, Ethiopia's minister for external economic relations.

Omar Jess, who leads one of three clan-based militias allied under Aidid, accused U.N. troops Wednesday of committing "unprecedented destruction" and said they obstructed humanitarian aid.

Russian reform parties remain split

MOSCOW — Only 11 days before Russia's crucial parliamentary elections, pre-reform parties spurned a chance to unite Wednesday and a poll suggested voters are tiring of the squabbling.

Russia's Choice, the leading reformist coalition, proposed that all the democratic parties unite behind a single candidate in each district. The appeal was immediately rejected, however, by an influential reformist movement led by economist Grigory Yavlinsky.

Voter apathy endangers the chances for approval of President Boris Yeltsin's proposed constitution. Under the election rules, the document will be ratified only if more than half the registered voters participate in the referendum, and if a majority of those taking part vote "yes."

Compiled from wire reports

Americans drive to meet GATT deadline

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Hints of compromise were everywhere Wednesday as Secretary of State Warren Christopher and U.S. and European trade negotiators began a drive to beat the Dec. 15 deadline for concluding a worldwide trade accord.

"There will be no December 16th," Christopher said in warning that negotiations were entering an all-or-nothing phase.

He called for tradeoffs, acknowledging that "none will be easy," and said "they must be made by that final deadline."

The main sticking point concerned a dispute over French farm subsidies, and the French as well as

the Americans indicated they wanted a solution.

"Efforts are still needed to reach a compromise," French President Francois Mitterrand said after meeting with Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany in Bonn. "We are ready to undertake those efforts."

Without agreement by Dec. 15, Christopher said after a meeting with Sir Leon Brittan, the chief European negotiator on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, there could be an outbreak of economic warfare, with "a rash of unilateral actions."

On the other hand, Christopher said, an accord would break the grip of recession, give an immediate

boost to business confidence and create jobs to lift people's hopes.

"Flexibility has to be met with flexibility," he said. "The ball is in both of our courts and we are moving it back and forward."

The goal in Brussels is to settle the remaining differences between the United States and the European Economic Community and take the deal to Geneva as a basis of negotiations for concluding the 116-nation Uruguay Round of global trade negotiations by the Dec. 15 deadline.

The broader negotiations mark the most ambitious attempt to overhaul the world trading system, but they have been stalled for nearly three

years by the bitter farm fight.

A senior aide to Christopher insisted there was no "wigggle room" despite a French overture to "clarify" last year's Blair House accord to slash the volume of European subsidized farm exports by 21 percent over six years. Christopher, however, said he was "not pessimistic about the outcome based on the conversations I had today."

The dispute over French farm subsidies in the chief obstacle to an accord designed to promote freer trade around the world. Some analysts have suggested such a broad agreement would pull Europe out of recession and pump \$200 billion a year into the world economy.

Article promotes Russia arms deal

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia must sell arms more aggressively in the Middle East or risk being shut out of that lucrative market by Western competitors, an army newspaper said Wednesday.

Throughout the Middle East, Russia has been pushed aside by its "more persistent and cynical competitors" — the United States, France and Britain, said Krasnaya Zvezda, the Ministry of Defense's newspaper.

"Naturally, weapons exporters should be highly responsible and careful, especially in a region like the Middle East," the newspaper said.

"But if others are playing the game according to their own rules, why should not we try to play? And not only play and toss money in the wind, but play and win."

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Mexican firm buys U.S. bus maker

The Associated Press

PHOENIX—A major American bus maker will be acquired by a Mexican company under a deal worth \$337 million, the first big cross-border takeover of a U.S. business since Congress approved NAFTA.

Motor Coach Industries International Inc. has agreed in principle to be taken over by Consorcio G Grupo Dina SA de CV in a stock swap, the companies said Tuesday.

Dina describes itself as Mexico's biggest producer of trucks and intercity buses. Motor Coach, spun off from Daimler-Benz in 1991, makes intercity and transit buses but has said it is getting out of the transit bus business.

'You're going to see more of this.'

—Carol Colombo, Phoenix lawyer

Motor Coach downplayed the timing of the deal, coming shortly after Congress approved the North American Free Trade Agreement, which will gradually lift trade restrictions between the United States, Mexico and Canada.

But some NAFTA experts called it a sign of the times. "You're going to see more of this," said Carol Colombo, a Phoenix lawyer

who specializes in representing U.S. and Mexican companies and professionals doing international business.

Shareholders of Motor Coach Industries would get \$16.72 worth of a new class of Dina stock for each share of Motor Coach they own. Motor Coach had 20,135,000 shares outstanding as of Sept. 30.

The agreement in principle is contingent on approval of both companies' boards, shareholders, and the Federal Trade Commission.

Motor Coach makes intercity coaches at plants in Canada and Pembina, N.D. It makes transit buses in Roseville, N.M., and has a transit bus remanufacturing plant in Schenectady, N.Y.

New magazine will focus on U.S., Canadian West

The Associated Press

DENVER—Cowles Magazines on Tuesday announced plans to publish Rocky Mountain Magazine, a new publication that will focus on the six Rocky Mountain states and the Canadian province of Alberta.

Publisher of the magazine is Harry Myers, a Denver native who relocated to Denver as manager of six Cowles magazines, Cowles President and Chief Executive Officer Bruce Barnett said.

The magazine will feature outdoor attractions in Colorado, Idaho, Mont-

tana, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming and Alberta. The first issue is scheduled to go on sale May 24, 1994, with a distribution of 100,000 copies, Barnett said.

He said the spring-summer issue will be followed in late August with a fall-winter edition and that a bi-monthly frequency is scheduled to begin in 1995.

Charlie Meyers, Denver Post ski editor and outdoor writer, will be the executive editor. Meyers will continue his duties at the Post. He said features will include profiles of personalities who epitomize mountain lifestyles and controversial issues that impact the region.

Magistrate backs class-action for securities suits

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY—A federal magistrate has supported class-action status for a New Jersey couple's suit against Ora Securities Group.

Ora, which was incorporated in Utah but is based in Glenfield, Calif., is a securities service firm retained by brokerage houses to

process stock transactions and confirm securities trades. The suit by William and Naomi Heron of New Jersey challenges the legality of Ora charging management fees of up to \$50 on dormant stock accounts.

Their attorney, John Michael Coombs, said the decision of U.S. Magistrate Ronald Boyce that the action should have class-action status means as many as 100,000 in-

vestors could become plaintiffs.

Ora had contended the suit should not be a class action because investors have different contractual circumstances, making a single case law complicated.

"The burden on individual plaintiffs would be economically and practically impossible if each person or even blocks of persons had to pursue their own claims," Boyce said.

Donnelley to open book center in Utah

The Associated Press

R.R. Donnelley and Sons Co. said Tuesday it plans to open a new book distribution facility near Salt Lake City in January.

The 175,000-square-foot facility, expect-

ed to employ 100 people by the end of next year, will complement Donnelley's existing distribution centers in Scranton, Pa.; Willard, Ohio; and Crawfordville, Ind.

Donnelley, founded in 1864, is a Chicago-based printing concern with 34,000 employees worldwide.

Markets

Dow-Jones

NEW YORK (AP) — Final Dow Jones averages for	Change
Dec 1, 1993	
Dow Jones	2,115.00
S&P 500	1,175.00
Nasdaq	2,115.00
NYSE	2,115.00
AMEX	2,115.00
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Most active

NEW YORK (AP) — Sales, closing price and net change of the 15 most active New York Stock Exchange issues, trading nationally at more than \$1 million.	Change
IBM	2,115.00
Microsoft	2,115.00
Apple	2,115.00
Oracle	2,115.00
Novell	2,115.00
Lotus	2,115.00
Intuit	2,115.00
Adobe	2,115.00
Autodesk	2,115.00
Parsons	2,115.00
Boeing	2,115.00
General Electric	2,115.00
Walt Disney	2,115.00
Johnson & Johnson	2,115.00
Pfizer	2,115.00

Local interest

Description	Close	Change
IBM	2,115.00	0.00
Microsoft	2,115.00	0.00
Apple	2,115.00	0.00
Oracle	2,115.00	0.00
Novell	2,115.00	0.00
Lotus	2,115.00	0.00
Intuit	2,115.00	0.00
Adobe	2,115.00	0.00
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General Electric	2,115.00	0.00
Walt Disney	2,115.00	0.00
Johnson & Johnson	2,115.00	0.00
Pfizer	2,115.00	0.00

Closing futures

Commodity	High	Low	Change
Dec 1, 1993			
Oil	2,115.00	2,115.00	0.00
Gold	2,115.00	2,115.00	0.00
Silver	2,115.00	2,115.00	0.00
Copper	2,115.00	2,115.00	0.00
Aluminum	2,115.00	2,115.00	0.00
Zinc	2,115.00	2,115.00	0.00
Nickel	2,115.00	2,115.00	0.00
Platinum	2,115.00	2,115.00	0.00
Sugar	2,115.00	2,115.00	0.00

Stock listings

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Metals

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Fossil fuels

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Unlisted companies

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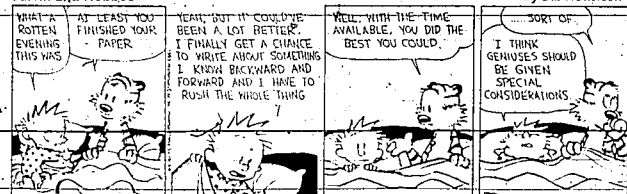
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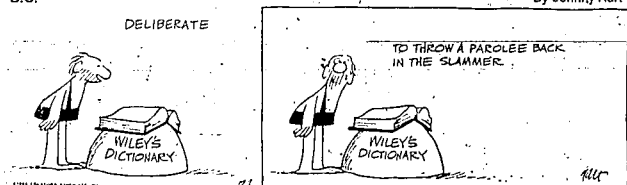
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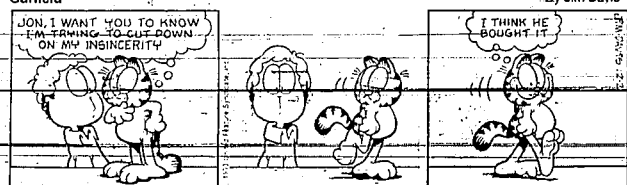
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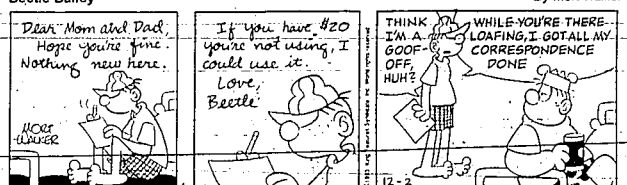
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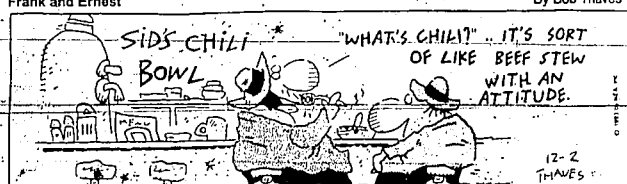
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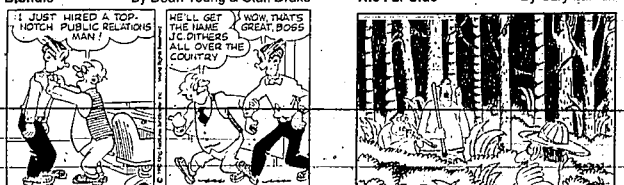
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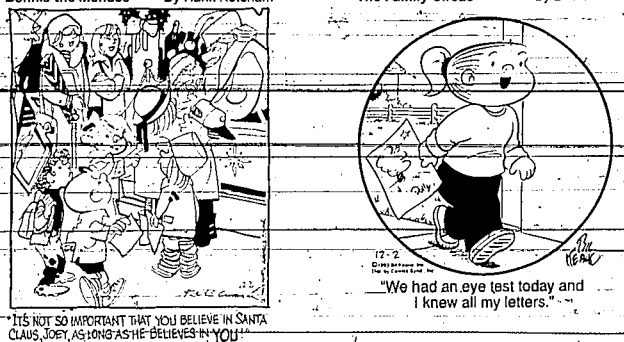
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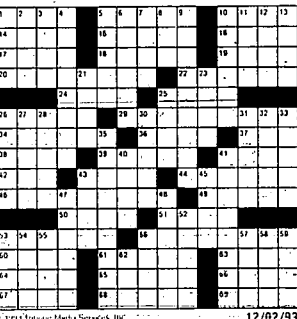
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ACROSS

- 1 Narrow strip of land
- 5 Apple and pear
- 10 Young horse
- 14 Exchange medicine
- 15 Make happy
- 16 Vicinity
- 17 Grouping center
- 18 Helped
- 19 Reun's home
- 20 Save
- 22 Expurgate
- 24 Slory
- 25 Easy task
- 26 Lukewarm official
- 29 Spread seeds
- 32 Zodiac sign
- 36 Amb., -amat
- 37 St
- 38 Harrow's rival
- 39 Consumer advocate
- 41 Blueprint
- 42 Senu
- 43 Mammogram
- 44 Grows in
- 45 Values highly
- 46 Name on a check
- 50 French city
- 51 Overbearing
- 53 Lamentably cold
- 56 Shrewd
- 60 Hard to land
- 61 By myself
- 63 Short letter
- 64 Always
- 65 Indonesian island
- 66 Carry
- 67 Shaded
- 68 Musical song
- 69 Walk
- DOWN
- 1 Source of light
- 2 Culture medium
- 3 Multiplying piece
- 4 Breed of cows
- 5 Thing of value
- 6 Source of oil
- 7 Produced
- 8 Summer in Paris
- 9 Not very active
- 10 Pally shank
- 11 Metal-bearing rocks
- 12 - majesty
- 13 Males face
- 21 Merit
- 23 Lull animals
- 25 Dingo
- 26 Go-between
- 27 Bit longer than a yard
- 28 Act
- 30 Framework
- 31 Mass political
- 32 Get around
- 33 Trick
- 34 Flying profix
- 35 Sharecroppers
- 40 Italian wine
- 45 - dirt
- 46 Salting turn
- 47 Denation taker
- 48 - 50 often
- 51 War god
- 54 Good review



Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:



12/02/93

55 Work gang

56 Italian city

57 Pillage

Sydney Omarr Horoscope

IF DECEMBER 2 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are emotional, sensitive, psychic, family-oriented, have gourmet appetite. Mother had more influence than father. Social activities accelerate during December. Marital status emphasized during 1994 - July will be outstanding for business, travel, romance. Throughout 1994, you'll maintain independent stance, could be involved with theatrical production.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): New approach to family relationships necessary. - emphasize independence, creativity, willingness to live and let live. Love relationship "reignites."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Gather information, delineate facts, figures - relates to tax, license requirements. Love relationship: temporarily off-track - "back together." Gourmet dining on tap tonight - moderation!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Accent humor, diversification, versatility, purchase of apparel - you'll be complimented, wind and dine. Money "situation" shows dramatic improvement.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Focus on durable goods, household products, building material, long-range prospect. Circumstances continue in your favor, older individuals make declaration of loyalty. Scorpio involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll be tested, challenged, will participate in "clash of ideas." Secret arrangements involve the media, including possible television debate. Love relationship begins in surprising fashion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Decorating, remodeling figures in scenario that features domestic adjustment, marital status. Libran declares, "I'm fascinated because I never know what you'll do next!" Taurus too involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll be saying, "Now I see the light!" Virgo individual becomes strong ally, acts as agent, representative.

SCORPIO (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Scenario features organization, responsibility, pressure of deadline. Love relationship marred by separation necessary due to travel commitment. Cancer native plays out scenario - particularly dramatic.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Look beyond the immediate, check savings, percentages, be alert to opportunity that helps increase income potential. Aerial in nature.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stress inventiveness, innovation, willingness to make fresh start in different direction. Legal dilemma resolved, you emerge with flying colors.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Good notices received for efforts relating to showmanship, drama, comedy, entertainment. You get things done in manner everyone will admire.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You might be missing, "I wish every Thursday would be this way!" Focus on entertainment, style, humor, romance. You'll feel more alive, vital, declaring, "Enter out world, here I come!"

A special party at 15 years

Q. Spanish-speaking cultures celebrate something called a "Quinceanera." What's that?

A. A ceremonial party to mark a young woman's coming of age at 15, the century between 550 and 660 B.C. was special. All of Asia's existing major religions were formulated then, Confucius' philosophy, Taoism by Lao Tzu of China, Buddhism by Gautama of India, Jainism by Mahavira, and Japan's Shinto.

Ninety-five-point-five percent of all servants are female.

Q. What's the "color of treason?"

A. "Yellow" once was so labeled by don't-know who and don't-know why. But modern readers of color notation say yellow tends to be associated with cowardice, with the cowardly, the flabby and disposition.

"That swiftest Wilson Mizner was talking about greed, miserliness, penny-pinching when he said, 'The most pitiful human sin is a binders knot.'"

Q. Who was the man who taught his pigs how to pray before they ate?

A. Believe you mean one Tom Johnson of Benton, Miss., who tried. His 40 years of patient effort eventually was recorded in a four-minute film documentary. In it, no pig prays. Visibly. In the 1890s, Josiah Bent of Milton, Mass., forgot to take his biscuits out of the oven in time. Got pretty crisp. So crisp, in fact, they crackled. So he coined the word "crackers."

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION COMPLAINT STATEWIDE COLLECTIONS, INC. Plaintiff

ELLEN CROWLEY, AKKA ELLEN GREEN Defendant

I, said Plaintiff Corporation is an authentic Idaho Corporation, duly authorized to carry on and transact its business in Idaho, with its principal place of business in Twin Falls, Idaho.

FOR CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST THE Defendant, THE PLAINTIFF ALLEGES:

1. That the Defendant is indebted to the plaintiff by reason of the following accounts for goods and/or service, assigned to the plaintiff for collection, the balance of which the defendant expressly or impliedly promised to pay the plaintiff or its assignee, to-wit:

NAME OF CREDITOR: TIMES NEWS DATE OF SERVICE: 05/14/92 ORIGINAL AMT. REFERRED: \$5.00 PRINCIPAL BALANCE DUE: \$5.00 INTEREST: \$0.66

NAME OF CREDITOR: MY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER DATE OF SERVICE: 07/23/92 ORIGINAL AMT. REFERRED: \$469.27 PRINCIPAL BALANCE DUE: \$469.27 INTEREST: \$36.10

NAME OF CREDITOR: INTERMOUNTAIN. ORTHO. PAEDIC CO. DATE OF SERVICE: 09/08/92 ORIGINAL AMT. REFERRED: \$48.42 PRINCIPAL BALANCE DUE: \$48.42 INTEREST: \$1.80

TOTALS: PRINCIPAL BALANCE DUE: \$522.69 TOTALS: INTEREST: \$38.56

*** INDICATES INTEREST IS A BAD CHECK CHARGE. It was necessary for Plaintiff to obtain the service of an attorney to bring this action and a reasonable attorney fee of the sum of \$160.00.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays judgment against the Defendant for the sum of \$561.25 plus costs of suit and all other relief which the court deems just and equitable in the premises.

Tory Lee Johnson Attorney for Plaintiff PUBLISHED: Thursday, November 25, December 2, 9 and 16, 1993.

NOTICE TO DEPOSITORS OF CHANGE OF WATER RIGHTS

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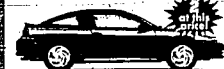
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Sports

CSI prepares for Classic

By Larry Hovey
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's back to school for College of Southern Idaho's basketball team: composure 101 and transition defense — a review on getting back.

Those were just two of the major faults the Golden Eagles displayed in absorbing a 120-99 licking at the hands of Hagerstown, Md., last weekend.

They won't have a lot of time for the cram courses because the second annual

Arctic Circle Classic winds up the pre-conference schedule this weekend.

"That loss showed us a lot of areas of emphasis," said Coach Steve Irons with a smile Monday. "Transition defense (Hagerstown beat the Eagles back after successful field goal attempts), defensive rebounding and turnovers, not the ones they pressured us into. Just the ones we throw away."

But the main point was composure. That has been probably the major strength of CSI over the years — playing stoically

through adverse conditions on the road and that long a trip was part of it. Then one of their boosters told me that was the best Hagerstown as played in three years. I thought we played mediocre and were less than that — it's our court mentality or composure," the coach said.

This week the Eagles are trying to prepare for Fashion Institute of New York and Hiwassee of Madisonville, Tenn., in Please see CSI/D2

Returnees promise good Northside race

By Brad Ireland
Times-News writer

If the 1993-94 Northside Conference boys' basketball outlook was in the dictionary, it might say "see last year."

That's because every team is returning some key members off of last season's squads to make the conference more interesting.

Carey won the title and advanced to the state playoffs, taking the consolation crown. Shoshone finished second in the conference, but it was the Richfield Tigers sneaked into placed second at district. Dietrich was fourth in the conference last and any of those four teams could be on top when the season ends in February.

"It's wide open," said Shoshone Coach Larry Messick, who has six of his better players back. "Carey has their top players back."

Carey still seems to be the favorite. Fresh off a successful run in state football, the nucleus of Cameron Cook, Derrick Parke and Lyman Kirkland will be looking to finish off conference opponents this season. "We're going to be a strong team," said Panther Coach Lee Cook.

Add to that mixture, Scott Wood and Carey looks tough. Wood, a starter at Bliss transferred to Carey bolstering the Panther lineup. The Panthers, winners of the junior varsity tournament for the past two seasons, also has a good group of kids to help out this year.

Shoshone could be one of the teams able to knock off the Panthers.

Hot shooter Brandon Brown is back with Caleb Roberts. The addition of Jeremy Jensen, Clayton Sandy and Zach Shetter to the floor and Shoshone looks equally tough.

Don't count out the Blue Devils and Tigers. Both teams will battle for the top.

Richfield has the Wards, Sid and Jason, along with Matt Kent for their senior years. Dietrich has its version of returnees with the Sorensens, Kyle and Justin, along with Seth Greenfield.

The best big man in the conference and perhaps one of the most underrated players in the Magic Valley, Rick McCabe, could put ISDB into the picture. McCabe, the 6-4 post player for the Redskins, will be tough to stop once again this year.

John Madden and Monte Brookshire should help out Camas County and without the services of Wood, Bliss is in a rebuilding year.

Idaho AD visits Penn State

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Idaho Athletic Director Peter Liske strolled through the campus of Penn State this week, realizing that much had changed since he was a football quarterback for the school in the early 1960s.

Much has remained the same.

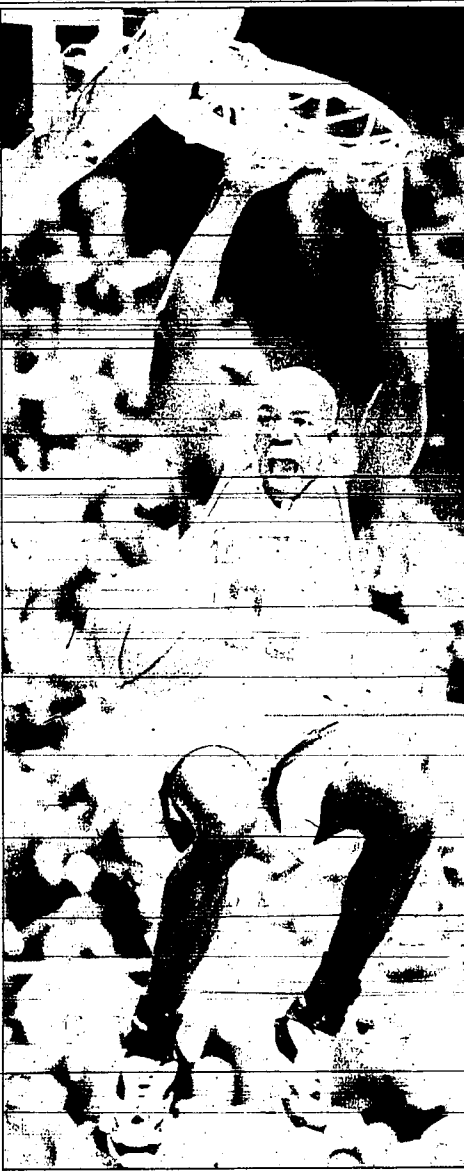
Liske interviewed Monday for the job of athletic director. He said he doesn't know where he stands on the search committee's list, but he's flattered to be recommended and nominated.

The search committee hasn't released a timetable. "I'm not even focusing on it becoming a possibility," said Liske, who is early in his second year at the University of Idaho. "My assumption or guess is that they're working on a preliminary list of people."

He said some members of the search committee were his professors when he quarterbacked the Penn State football team.

Please see LISKE/D2

Playing above the rim



Tony Delf of No. 1 Kentucky slams a dunk Wednesday against Tennessee Tech at Rupp Arena in Lexington, Ky. See story, Page D2.

Experience should pace Spartans

The Times-News

In a decided pendulum swing, the Minico Spartans have emerged as the "experienced" team among the four rivals in Region III Class A-I basketball this year.

Coach Gordon Kerbs and his charges took some lumps last year when the Spartans were by far the youngest team while Twin Falls, Highland and Pocatello were basically senior teams.

Right now, Twin Falls has one regular starter and another part-timer among its 10-man roster. And only two of those are juniors.

Kerbs is not unaware of the difference either, noting "we're improved in all areas. We're more athletic, bigger and stronger and should have a solid inside game. Our guard play will be much better," he said.

"Defensively I think we'll be solid. One area of concern is perimeter scoring but it has improved also. If we can knock down the 18-20 foot shot, I think we will compete with people."

The Spartans, who open at home Friday night against Blackfoot, like the looks of 6-8 junior post Andy Bingham, who averaged 7 points and 4 rebounds last year; 6-4 Heath Schlab, 6 points and 6 rebounds; James Dayley, 6-1, 5 points; 5-9 Javier Torrez, 4 points and 5 assists; and 5-9 Eric Stroschein, 2 points; 4 assists.

Kerbs also has veterans in 6-7 senior Jacob Bingham, 6-1 Kody Ketterling, 6-1 Jason Miles and 6-2 Matt Adams and 5-9 sophomore guard Cory Noble.

"I think by the end of the year it could be a dogfight," said Kerbs of the regional race.

Twin Falls Coach Ben Allen agrees with that assessment, noting "Minico has the most experience back. The other three teams lost a lot of seniors. I look for Minico to be strong early."

His return starter is 6-0 guard Brady Trenkle who can light it up from the three-point line. The second most experienced is 6-7 senior John Krahn, who started several games last year and played about equal time to the other inside players.

The others with varsity experience are 5-8 junior Ryan Stanger, who moved up to the varsity late last year, and 6-2 Brad Starley, who also was promoted from the jayvees about mid-year.

The Bruins are not overpoweringly tall after Krahn or squadman Zeke Houtenington, who stands 6-6.

Next tallest is Rob Welch, who has signed a baseball pitching scholarship letter with Stanford. The 6-3 Welch didn't play basketball last year and will have some experience to catch up. "But we're happy to have him out. He's already shown he is a good shot shooter," Allen said.

The rest of the seniors are 6-0 Scott Allen, 6-2 Todd Christman, and 6-7 Josh Amundson. Todd Leon, 6-1, joins Stanger as the other representative of the junior class.

Allen is in his last year of coaching as he took the vice principal position earlier this year with the understanding he would devote full time to administration after this season.

For that reason, he'd like to go out well. Please see A-1/D2



Coach Gene Stallings will lead Alabama into the SEC title game against Florida — a matchup that likely will decide the lineups for the Cotton Bowl and the Sugar Bowl on New Year's Day.

SEC holds key to bowl games

The Associated Press

West Virginia and Notre Dame are now playing a waiting game to find out their destinations on New Year's Day.

The No. 3 Mountaineers (11-0) are ready to accept an invitation to the Sugar Bowl to play either No. 9 Florida or No. 16 Alabama. But Sugar Bowl officials balked at moving up Sunday's bowl pairing deadline in hopes they can land the No. 3 Fighting Irish (10-1), who generate higher television ratings and are an endorsement magnet.

"It was determined in the best interest of the USF&G Sugar Bowl ... that we follow the rules, regulations and guidelines of the coalition, waiting until Sunday morning to re-evaluate all football on Saturday," said Troy Mathison, the bowl's executive director.

But if the Sugar Bowl really does want the Irish, as many have speculated, then it needs help.

In order for it to land Notre-Dame, based

on bowl coalition rules, it needs Florida (9-2) to beat Alabama (8-2-1) in the SEC title game on Saturday and move ahead of No. 7 and Cotton Bowl-bound Texas A&M (10-1) in the rankings.

The bowl coalition rankings combine The Associated Press media poll and the USA Today-CNN coaches' poll. In the bowl poll, Texas A&M is seventh and Florida 10th, 373 points behind the Aggies.

If the Aggies remain ahead of the Gators, the Cotton Bowl would have first choice between the Irish and Mountaineers and would end up with Notre Dame because West Virginia would opt for the higher-paying Sugar Bowl.

There is the possibility the Mountaineers could feel snubbed by the Sugar and opt for the Cotton, with a payout of \$3 million per team. The Sugar would get the Irish in that case.

But that won't happen because the extra \$1.15 million the Mountaineers can earn in the \$4.15 million Sugar Bowl is a lot for a

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Briefly

PGA picks Wadkins

as Ryder Cup captain

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — Lanny Wadkins will go to his ninth Ryder Cup. The question is whether it will be as a player, the captain of the U.S. team, or both.

"I still think of myself as a player," Wadkins said Wednesday after the PGA announced he would serve as captain of the 1995 United States team that will play Europe's best in Rochester, N.Y.

Wadkins, 44, has played on eight Ryder Cup teams, dating back to 1977, and has a 20-11-2 record. He has collected 21 PGA Tour titles in a 23-season pro career.



Wadkins.

Baseball player with heart problems sues Sun Devils

PHOENIX — A lawsuit filed by a top baseball prospect with a heart-valve problem alleges Arizona State University unfairly refused him the chance to play for the Sun Devils.

The lawsuit filed Monday by Stephen Hagins in Maricopa County Superior Court requests unspecified damages as well as asking that the court order the university to allow him to practice and play baseball.

The case was assigned to Judge Roger Kaufman, but as of Wednesday the university had not been served with the lawsuit and no hearing has been scheduled, officials said.

Hagins' suit said the 18-year-old freshman catcher from Irvine, Calif., turned down an offer from the Cleveland Indians to sign with the school.

Rec. Department, school to open gymnasium Sunday

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Recreation Department and school district No. 411 will open Robert Stuart gymnasium from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday beginning this weekend.

There is no charge but all participants must wear basketball shoes.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Sportsquote

“Did you know that there were two Scandinavians on the European team? Joakim Haeggman, who is Swedish, and Seve Ballesteros, who is finished.”

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— Inside joke of European golfers after Ryder Cup matches

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Pistons' Laimbeer says goodbye

Detroit's bad boy leaves the NBA

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Bill Laimbeer, realizing he had become the kind of player he despised, retired Wednesday at age 36.

With all his teammates and the entire Detroit Pistons front office looking on, Laimbeer said he simply had lost his desire to compete.

"When I saw players come in here who no longer are willing to sacrifice their body and mind, I used to advise them," he said during a news conference at The Palace.

"I'd good them into it. If that didn't work, I'd reject them. Now I'm one of those players."

Laimbeer said the feeling had been coming on for the last two or three seasons. He said he knew before training camp this season could be his last.

"Coming to camp, my goal was to make it through the season," Laimbeer said. "I knew that I did not feel like doing it anymore. But I wanted to help the franchise. I thought maybe we'd get off to an 8-0 start, or something, and I'd feel better about things."

That didn't happen, of course. The Pistons were 5-7 when Laimbeer made up his mind Monday.

He told his teammates of his decision before their game Tuesday night in Cleveland. They lost that game,



Bill Laimbeer, 36, retired Wednesday, saying he had lost the desire to compete. The Detroit center played 14 seasons in the NBA, becoming one of the most hated players for his rough play.

too, with Laimbeer on the bench.

"I just felt all the negative factors were too great to overcome," Laimbeer said. "It's like a shining light just popped up in my mind and said, 'Bill, let's go, let's get out of the way.'"

During his 14 seasons in the NBA, all but one with the Pistons, the 6-foot-11 center became one of the most hated players the game has ever known. His flying elbows and hard

picks sent bodies flying and tempers flaring everywhere he played.

"I'd be lying if I said I didn't like to see nice things written about me," Laimbeer said. "That's human nature. But those who know me close, know what kind of person I am."

But the Bad Boy role was one he was glad to play. For one thing, it suited his personality. For another, it helped the Pistons win NBA championships in 1989 and 1990. It became



Laimbeer said, "We're in the entertainment business. I wore the black hat. Somebody has to play that role. I accepted it."

"Even in high school, the other teams disliked me. It's my style of play. I'm very frustrating to play against, because I'm always there. People get frustrated with that. Then, they start getting angry."

Browns quarterback resumes practice

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — Vinny Testaverde practiced with the Cleveland Browns on Wednesday for the first time in five weeks and said he hopes to play Sunday against New Orleans.

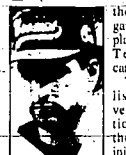
Testaverde has not played since he separated his right shoulder on a 9-yard scramble Oct. 24 against Pittsburgh. At the time, the Browns thought he might be lost for the season.

"If he returns Sunday, Testaverde will have been sidelined for six weeks," the minimum recovery time estimated when the separation was diagnosed.

"I can't say that I've aired the ball out deep or thrown the ball at 100 percent velocity," he said during a break in practice. "I feel that I'll be able to play on Sunday. But again, I haven't thrown on back-to-back days. It'll be a big test for me today and seeing how it feels tomorrow."

Testaverde, signed by Cleveland during the offseason to back up Bernie Kosar, took over as the starter when Kosar was benched after five games. Cleveland won both of Testaverde's starts but has lost four in a row since he got hurt.

Kosar was cut Nov. 8, one game after Testaverde was injured. Todd Phillips has started



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Montana safety joins All Big Sky defense for 3rd straight year

BOISE (AP) — University of Montana free safety Todd Ericson has become only the 34th player in Big Sky Conference history to be named to the all-conference defensive football team three times.

Ericson, who was credited with 96 tackles during the Grizzlies' drive to the league championship and a berth in the NCAA I-AA playoffs, was joined by four players making the team for the second straight season.

They included Northern Arizona punter Terry Belden, who was the only unanimous selection on the defensive squad, and Eastern Washington defensive back Jackie Kellogg.

Both were also named to the All Big Sky offensive team on Tuesday — Belden as the place-kicker and Kellogg as the return specialist.

Belden led Division I-AA with a 46-yard average over 39 punts. It was the second best season average in Big Sky history.

And Kellogg had 49 total tackles, eight pass deflections and four pass interceptions to lead the Eagle defense.

Seven other seniors were named to the first-team that included three juniors and a sophomore.

The University of Idaho, which boasted the league's 1992 most valuable player on defense in defensive end Jeff Robinson, was the only conference team without a player on the defensive first team.

The other repeat all-conference players were Montana inside linebacker Dan Downs and Montana State defensive back Sean Hill.

The down linemen were Kim von Oelhoffen of Boise State, Craig Steinmetz of Eastern Washington, Robert Ford of ISU and Wade Rademacher of Montana State.

The outside linebackers were Dion Alexander of Eastern Washington and Kurt Schilling of Montana. The other inside linebacker was Jason Marsh of Eastern Washington, and the remaining defensive backs were Morgan Ryan of Montana State and Carl Franks of Montana.

Outside Linebackers: Dion Alexander, Eastern Washington, So., 6-2, 215; Federal Way, Wash.; Kurt Schilling, Montana, Jr., 5-11, 200; Shelby, Mont.

Inside Linebackers: Jason Marsh, Eastern Washington, Sr., 6-1, 225; Auburn, Wash.; Dan Downs, Montana, Jr., 6-4, 222; Helena, Mont.

Secondary: Jackie Kellogg, Eastern Washington, Sr., 6-1, 188; Tacoma, Wash.; Sean Hill, Montana State, Sr., 5-11, 167; Colorado Springs, Colo.; Todd Ericson, Montana, Sr., 6-2, 185; Butte, Mont.; (Tie) Morgan Ryan, Montana State, Sr., 5-11, 201; Hudson, Wis., and Carl Franks, Montana, Sr., 5-10, 175; Stockton, Calif.

Punter: Terry Belden, Northern Arizona, Sr., 5-10, 185; Glendale, Ariz.

Second Team

Down Linemen: Chuck Mason, Montana, Sr., 6-5, 285; Big Fork, Mont.; Joe O'Brien, Boise State, Jr., 6-2, 248; Pittsburg, Calif.; Puni Alcafoa, Boise State, Sr., 6-2, 287; Tacoma, Wash.; Ryan Phillips, Idaho, Jr., 6-4, 237; Auburn, Wash.

Outside Linebackers: Eric Escandon, Boise State, Sr., 6-0, 190; Portland, Wash.; Duke Garren, Idaho, Jr., 6-2, 230; Tacoma, Wash.

Inside Linebackers: Beau Smith, Northern Arizona, Sr., 6-2, 220; Riverside, Calif.; (Tie) Tyler Sharp,

Montana State, Sr., 6-3, 215; Oroville, Calif.; Jason Shell, Idaho, So., 6-1, 235; Kennewick, Wash.; Matt Lutz, Auburn, Wash.

Weber State, Sr., 6-4, 330; Ogden, Utah.

Secondary: Donita Aborn, Northern Arizona, Jr., 5-8, 171; Compton, Calif.; Mergel Huma, Idaho, So., 6-0, 185; Covina, Calif.; Mark Grimmer, Montana

State, So., 6-3, 176; Spokane, Wash.; Derrick Beatty, Weber State, Jr., 5-9, 175; Durham, N.C.

Punter: Roy Hudson, Weber State, Sr., 6-2, 200; El Paso, Texas.

Honorable Mention

Down Linemen: Jason Martin, Eastern Washington, Sr., 6-2, 215; Spokane, Wash.; Matt Lutz, Auburn, Wash.

Washington; Spencer Polun, Idaho; Ahmani Johnson, Idaho; Lance Allen, Montana State; Jason Hill, Montana State; Eric Spahn; Weber State; Steve Filaga, Weber State.

Outside Linebackers: Avery Slaughter, Idaho; Brian Holland, Idaho State; Alex Marcelin, Northern Arizona; Rob

Hutchcock, Weber State.

Inside Linebackers: Kevin Kempf, Idaho State; Chris Steinmetz, Eastern Washington; Jeff Bergman, Northern Arizona.

Punter: Danny Weeks, Boise State; Ed Howard, Idaho; Randy Nute, Idaho State.

Specialized defenses rob NFL of any high-scoring contests

The Associated Press

The NFL can thank coach Bobby Ross and the San Diego Chargers for running up the score on the Colts on Monday night. It spared the league from its lowest scoring weekend of the modern era.

San Diego's 31-0 victory gave the league a weekend average of 27.5 points per game, a tenth of a point better than the weekend in 1977 when 27.4 points were scored.

What's going? There are several theories, almost all of them valid:

1—Zone defenses inside the goal line.

2—Not enough top-rate quarterbacks, based on injuries and a bunch of running quarterbacks. Four of the best performances last week were by Steve DeBerg, 39; Phil Simms, 38; Joe Montana, 38; and Warren Moon, 37.

3—A penchant in college to put the best athletes on defense, which translates to the pros.

4—A larger roster, which allows teams to use specialists on defense for every contingency.

5—Cutting the time between plays from 45 seconds to 40, giving quarterbacks less time to audible plays that will beat the defense they see.

6—Bill Parcells and Lawrence Taylor.

Don't laugh at the last one. Go back to 1986, when the Giants had one of those dominant seasons, 17-2 and a rout of Denver in the Super Bowl. Danny White was playing

quarterback then for Dallas and was explaining how difficult it was to face the Giants' defense.

"If you get the ball in your own territory, you can move," he said. "If you get real lucky and don't make a mistake, maybe you can get close enough for a field goal. If you get extraordinarily lucky and they make a mistake, you can get a touchdown. Otherwise, forget it."

Now you can say that about the defenses on more than half the NFL's 28 teams.

Parcells (and Bill Belichick, now the Cleveland coach), perfected the two-deep zone. George Seifert of the 49ers, discovered the linebacker-strong safety. Jeff Fuller. And Taylor got all those teams to put their best athlete at outside linebacker and turn them into pass rushers.

Now, on third and four or more, that's what teams face — five defensive backs, a linebacker-safety and a Pat Swilling, Derrick Thomas, Renaldo Turnbull or Junior Seau ready to come at the passer.

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Outdoors

Consider used instead of new this Christmas

With Christmas just around the corner, it is time to take a serious look at your Christmas shopping list. If someone on that list, either a family member or yourself, has requested a new firearm, you may be in for some bad news when you hear the price tag many of the new firearms carry. But do not panic yet.

There may be an acceptable compromise in the purchase of a used pistol, rifle or shotgun.



David Hocklander Hunting

There are a lot of used firearms on the market, and with a little dickering they can often be had for a very reasonable price. But many people avoid the used gun market because they are afraid of getting a defective product, not unlike the used car phobia most of us experience.

No purchase, even a new gun, is a sure thing, but here are a few tips which may help you select a used firearm that will serve your needs and be worth the hard-earned dollars you must surrender.

Check the bore first. Many parts of a firearm can be repaired, some with little expense or effort, but the bad bore leaves the owner only two choices: using a gun that shoots poorly or taking the expensive remedy of rebarreling.

Look for pitting and wear. The bore must be clean for the inspection to be accurate. Pitting usually appears as darkened areas. Minor pitting usually is not a serious problem, but severe pitting in the chamber may cause the case to stick when fired.

Look for wear at the muzzle and the throat. Badly worn rifling tells of heavy use, sometimes referred to as a "shot out" barrel. Wear on the muzzle, the muzzle, often the result of poor cleaning techniques, can adversely affect accuracy.

Take a close look at the finish. A worn blue job may diminish the value of the gun but does not affect its function.

A reblue job can add value to the firearm and is not collectible. One way to tell if a gun has been reblued is to check if any nicks or scratches are blued. If so, it is not the original finish.

Operate the mechanism. All parts should function properly. Work the action and dry-fire if possible. Pay attention to the safety and trigger operations. A very light or erratic trigger can be dangerous. An erratic trigger means that the mechanisms have been modified or poorly adjusted.

In shotguns look for dents and bulges in the barrel by looking through the bore. Some used shotguns have barrels which have been shortened. If this has occurred, the choke may not be appropriate for the use you have in mind.

In revolvers, check for excessive cylinder gap or a forcing cone that is not even. The cylinder should not have excessive play either in the front or back. Check the cylinder play with the hammer in the cocked position.

Next check the timing. The cylinder bolt should engage the cylinder just before the hammer clicks into full lock position. Check all chambers. If the timing is off, look at another revolver.

Semi-automatic pistols rely heavily on the various safeties for safe operation. Test them by engaging the safeties and pulling back on the trigger. Then release the trigger and take the safeties off. If the hammer falls any time during this process, the gun has serious mechanical problems.

Also take a look at the clip. A bent or worn clip can cause malfunctions in feeding ammunition.

Military arms are very popular items these days, especially older bolt actions for conversion into hunting rifles. The quality of these arms can be exceptional, and it is important to check that the gun's parts match.

Many arms often have numbered parts, which make it easy to determine if a bolt belongs in a given action. If the bolt is a mismatch there may be functioning problems and improper headspace.

If possible, check below the stock for pitting and rust.

Few used guns are actually worn out mechanically. Most of the wear is superficial — scratches, dings, worn finish, etc. A shotgun carried in the field for pheasant hunting may show years of wear on the finish but may have been fired less than 100 times.

A used gun may not have a shiny finish and a fancy box, but it will leave you some dollars in your pocket for some of those accessories such as a holster, a scope or maybe even bullets.

David Hocklander is a teacher at Gooding High School.

Fish find Salmon River area

The Associated Press

STANLEY — It's encouraging news to the groups trying to help Idaho salmon runs recover.

Biologists discovered 14 salmon redds, or nests, in a section of the upper Salmon River previously inaccessible to salmon.

In the past, water diversions to irrigate the 2,200-acre Busterback Ranch in central Idaho often dried up a portion of the Salmon River that crosses the ranch. Adult salmon, returning from the Pacific Ocean to spawn, could not reach traditional spawning grounds further upstream.

Last year, the Bonneville Power Administration and Forest Service began major efforts to improve conditions in the Upper Salmon

River for chinook salmon. The Forest Service purchased Busterback Ranch for \$2.4 million, with BPA contributing another \$770,000.

In the second year of administration by the Forest Service, salmon redds have reappeared where the river follows the Sawtooth Valley beyond the ranch.

State Fish and Game biologist Russell Kiefer estimates up to 1,200 additional spring chinook smolts will be produced by allowing the adults to reach better spawning habitat.

The Snake River spring chinook salmon has been listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. Idaho's Fish and Game agency is responsible for monitoring wild fish in the Upper Salmon area.

Besides benefiting spring and summer chi-

nook, the agencies hope restoration of the stream passage will help endangered Snake River sockeye as well. Historically, the ranch's diversions have dried up Alturas Lake Creek, which also crosses the ranch.

Alturas Lake Creek flows out of Alturas Lake, one of the historic spawning lakes for sockeye salmon in Idaho.

Few sockeye salmon now migrate up to the lake, but biologists hope they will return in the near future.

Busterback Ranch is administered by the Forest Service, which also manages the surrounding Sawtooth National Recreation Area. Irrigation withdrawals started in the area in the 1930s. Water diversions peaked in middle and late summer, just as adult salmon were returning to spawn.

General fishing season closes; ice fishing near

The Times-News

JEROME — Magic Valley's fishing has arrived at that "inbetween" limbo.

The water covered by the general season closed Tuesday and the winter fishing is still a bit away.

"The reservoirs are starting to freeze over but I doubt the ice is safe enough to allow ice fishing. At least I certainly wouldn't recommend it yet," said Fred Partridge, Magic Valley regional fishery manager.

Some of the northern streams that closed to trout fishing Tuesday will be open for whitefish fishing, Partridge reminded. Toward the south, Snake River, lower Rock and Deep creeks and Cedar Draw haven't yet attained their winter-fishing status.

"The creeks on the south side of the river all provide good fishing when the water clears up," Partridge said. "That's getting very close now."

Fishing at Belle Rapids in the Hagerman Valley is still slow but this is about the time of year it picks up, too, he said.

Because of the return of normal waters to area impoundments, Partridge is expecting a good ice fishing season.

The return of high water to reservoir beds provided a major surge in reservoir nutrition and most area impoundments were registering fingerling growth rates at from one to one and one-half inches per month.

The good water carryover in most also means the fish should be in excellent condition.

County wants help in salmon recovery plan

The Associated Press

SALMON — The Lemhi County Commission has given the National Marine Fisheries Service 30 days to respond to its request for coordination of federal salmon recovery efforts with the county.

If NMFS fails to respond, the county plans to seek an injunction against NMFS' recent directive restricting road building in roadless areas and logging in buffer zones near waterways.

"I would rather not do that (file an injunction)," said Commissioner Chairman Denny Hawley. "I would rather work together to come up with solutions. I don't think we're really asking for very much. Just common sense things."

The federal fish agency seeks to keep soil from washing into streams and clogging gravel beds where salmon spawn. Idaho's spring, summer and fall chinook salmon species were listed as threatened in 1992 under the federal Endangered Species Act. The Snake River sockeye salmon were listed as endangered.

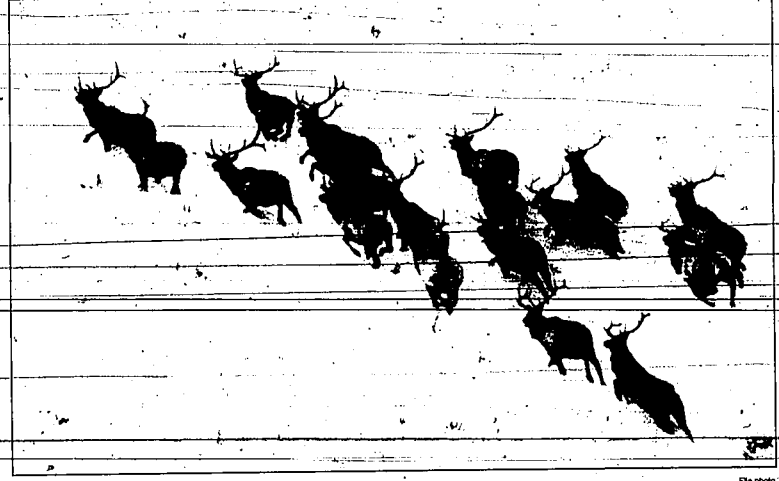
The County Commission says that by not conferring with it, NMFS is violating the National Environmental Policy Act requiring federal agencies to coordinate their actions with counties.

The commission also contends that NMFS must determine whether its actions will have adverse effects on other species and the socio-economic effects on people and communities.

Last January, the commission sent a letter to NMFS advising it that Lemhi County had enacted a land-use plan for public lands and intended to be involved in all federal planning for salmon recovery.

Land-use plans have been promoted by Wyoming attorney Karen Budd as a legal strategy to give local government more clout in decision-making on federal land uses.

The Lemhi Commission says it wants more on-the-ground policy decisions and fewer standardized mandates.



File photo

Parts of many wild animals, including these elk, have created a black market around the world. The Department of Fish and Game will conduct public hearings as part of an effort to tighten its loose game regulations.

Agency eyes strengthening game laws

By Larry Hovey Times-News writer

JEROME — The trafficking of wildlife parts throughout the world has spawned a global black market for everything from elk teeth to bear gall bladders.

Idaho currently has the most lenient laws on the books, and the Department of Fish and Game is proposing to tighten up loopholes allowing movement and ownership of parts and transfer of live animals between commercial wildlife ranches.

Considering that Magic Valley sportsmen may want some input on the proposals, Steve Agte and Craig Kvale, both staff members of the Jerome regional office, will conduct public hearings at 7 p.m. Dec. 8 in the law enforcement building in Burley and at 7 p.m. Dec. 9 in Twin Falls at the Health and Welfare Building, 601 Pole Line Road.

Mike Todd, regional conservation educator, said the meeting will cover proposed changes to existing regulations that govern the importing, exporting, transportation, possession, release, sale and salvage of wildlife. The changes could affect the activities of fur buyers, taxidermists, individuals who pick up antlers or horns or those involved in commercial wildlife farms.

Kvale, regional wildlife manager, said the aim is to cut down on the illegal taking and poaching of wildlife and reduce black-market trade.

He said one of the more visible examples is picking up of bighorn sheep horns and skulls of animals that have died naturally. In all states surrounding Idaho, it is against the law to pick up these trophies.

Idaho allows it, and there has been a rather surprisingly large number of bighorn

sheep skulls "found" in Idaho the past few years.

The reason is that if a skull is brought to the Idaho department, the "finder" will be issued a pin which allows him to maintain ownership. But he may not sell, trade or give away the trophy.

In fact, dying fathers had best either obtain a director's approval for allowing ownership to pass on to the son or make some stipulation in his will that will subsequently prove — probably with corroborating witnesses — that the trophy was in his possession at the time of death.

Although the public currently doesn't believe these rules are so stringent, a person could be open to \$500 fine and six months in jail for picking up and possessing an eagle feather among dozens of other things.

Another major money market has grown up around the naturally shed deer and elk antlers on winter range. The males usually "drop" the antlers in late January through February.

Asian markets will buy all available and American souvenir makers are using more each year in producing their merchandise. The boys scouts have exclusive call on all antlers dropped at the Jackson Hole national elk winter range and the sale has been surpassing \$100,000 the past few years.

Idaho's proposed antler restrictions would apply only in units 60, 60A, 66, 67 and 69. It would establish antler-hunting seasons from May 1 to Dec. 31.

All of those are found in the Sand Creek area around Idaho Falls.

Those units are accessible throughout the year and competition for the prizes is causing more trouble each year, Kvale said.

There have been innumerable instances of people on horseback, snow machines or ATVs chasing bull elk in February, hoping the exertion and bounce would cause the antlers to drop.

Even if the antlers do drop, so might the bull later when the harassment has caused him to draw too heavily on the last of his waning body reserves.

"The aim is to avoid stress at such a critical point," said Kvale. "For now, no other units are included. But we are seeing possible trouble spots. If this rule is enacted, it would be a simple matter to add other units to it."

He added that naturally-dropped antlers are easily identified by the burr at the base of each.

The increase interest in wildlife ranching is bringing back the problems of tuberculosis and brucellosis.

Kvale said it is reported most of the private herds in Canada and Montana have one or both infections.

"For us, brucellosis is the scariest," said Kvale of possible free-running Idaho wildlife infection. "For livestockmen, it probably is brucellosis (which causes females to abort)."

Kvale said to this point the sale and transfer of "breeding stock has been the big source of funds."

He said current proposals of importing or deporting animals in Idaho would require approval — after examination — by the department's veterinarian. It would give the department the right to inspect at any time and make identification the responsibility of the rancher. Any sale of meat would have to be attended by invoice and bill of sale issued by the department.

Dip in hunting numbers does not signal problem

They're going to hold a town-hall type meeting at Gooding City Hall at 7:30 p.m. today apparently to try to fix the blame for dwindling antelope, mule deer and elk populations in the Magic Valley Region of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Putting an oar in the water a few hours early, shouldn't hurt.

This is the third round in a series of recall and "hang out" high positions that have ravaged this area's hunting. Always it's about "no game out there."

The certainty is this: in the not too distant future, there are going to be too many deer or whatever again. In the not too distant future there are going to be a lot less. There is the mistaken feeling around campfire that wildlife can be stockpiled like firewood.

"We had great herds last year, so we should have more this year," the argument usually goes.

Some strides have been made because



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this time, unlike the other two suffered through the past 38 years, most of the public doesn't feel that over-hunting is the underlying cause. They will put it at last winter's feet, but at the same time, claim that there was a subsequent attempt by deer to overkill by hunting.

Very few associated with hunting should argue that hunting simply replaces the annual winter loss. The point being this: if 20 percent of a deer herd is going to die of winter, why would it make sense to have hunters take half of that mortality and put it on the table?

If you can believe that hunting replaces winter loss, then you must also believe the opposite: winter loss replaces hunting.

For some reason, the feeling is growing that winter feeding is an all pervasive panacea. Even with the introduction of the new alfalfa pellets which are more adaptable in deer digestion than straight alfalfa, there often isn't enough diet value to save a deteriorated animal.

This writer has seen deer dead of starvation no more than a few feet from the haystack. Dead deer within 20 steps of alfalfa pellet troughs. Post-winter walking surveys showed in 1982 that 125 deer died on the Snowflake feeding site.

Feeding, especially the pellets, works much better for elk. Deer are not competent hayburners.

This comes still doubts that winter feeding is the biological weapon perceived by hunters. Other than political, there isn't a lot to recommend it.

When hunters say "we pay added money to buy feed for big game and it should be used everywhere" they don't understand the magnitude of the situation im-

plicit in the statement.

Lon Cook, big game manager for the Fish and Game Department, has estimated that a complete feeding program as described by some hunters would require \$40 million per year.

Consider:

The department this fall paid \$74,000 for the pellets and transportation alone to fill the holding sheds at the Boise River South Fork feed sites. Several thousands more will be spent to have it distributed through the possible four months of need. That would run upwards of \$40 per animal and puts a disproportionate levy on elk hunters who never use the area.

The "special" deer feeding on Silver Creek last year cost \$9,600 for about 500 head. And more than a few died anyway. That's \$15 per deer — the input of 10 times each — in a project that, due to the aforementioned deaths, can't be considered overwhelmingly successful.

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Hunter would like to see wolf return

LANDER, Wyo. (AP) — A former rancher who killed the last documented wolf in Wyoming until a year ago says he would like to see wolves back in Wyoming.

The federal government has plans to reintroduce gray wolves to Yellowstone National Park to recover the species thought to be virtually wiped out in the region by the early 1930s.

Lee Cottenor, 83, was a sheep rancher in the Owl Creek Mountains in 1943 when he spotted and killed a wolf while out coyote hunting. It was the last wolf verified in Wyoming until fall 1992, when a Worland hunter shot one he mistook for a coyote.

Cottenor said he knew precisely what he was shooting at in May 1943.

"I knew it was a wolf when I saw it," he said. "They are just a different animal, when you see them beside coyotes. They are bigger, have longer legs, a different head."



The government plans to reintroduce the gray wolf to Yellowstone National Park. The species was wiped out in the area in the 1930s.

"Anybody who doesn't know the difference between a wolf and a coyote doesn't know much of anything."

Cottenor's home still holds a mounted head of his wolf, which

was a young male that weighed about 100 pounds.

"It just happened to be in the right place at the right time," the Lander, man said. "I had never killed a wolf before, so I took it to the taxidermist over here on Main Street. But since it was May, the hide was already slipping (shedding out) and all he could save was the head."

Cottenor said the mount has aged in 50 years, but it still shows the power of the wolf. That power, he said, should be felt in the Yellowstone backcountry today.

"The wolf is a great animal and I think they should be restored," the old sheep rancher said. "They are a natural part of the country and they have a right to live here."

Cottenor retired from sheep ranching in 1951 on his doctor's advice and worked in the oil fields. An avid hunter, Cottenor said he has killed several trophy animals but has no trophies that compare to his wolf kill.

Briefly

Commission meets today, Friday

BOISE — The Idaho Fish and Game commission will meet at state headquarters in Boise today and Friday.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. A public meeting and comment period is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the headquarters meeting room. The commission will set the 1994 deer and elk tag quotas for non-residents and the outfitter set-aside quota. The outfitter set-aside tags are reserved from the non-resident quota for sale by outfitters to their clients.

The tentative big game season opening dates for 1994 and 1995 will be penciled in.

The commission will hear special reports on the status of mule deer and chukars.

Comments sought for river permits

CHALLIS — Public comment on reissuance of special use permits for Salmon River Middle Fork Outfitters and Boy Scouts is sought by Ray Cullinane, Middle Fork District Ranger for the Challis National Forest.

Each year the Forest Service has issued 28 Middle Fork special use permits for outfitters and the Scouts. All their trips occur within a 107-mile long river corridor, from Boundary Creek launch area to the confluence of the Middle Fork and main Salmon.

Comments should be mailed to Cullinane by Dec. 30. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Cullinane at Red Anderson at Box 750, Challis, 83226, or by telephoning at 879-5204.

Humboldt tree permits now on sale

WELLS — Christmas tree permits, costing \$3, on national Forest or BLM land may be obtained from the Humboldt National Forest supervisor's office in Elko or the Ruby Mountain ranger district office in Wells. BLM permits also can be obtained at the Wells office. The office is open from 7:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and on Dec. 4 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Cougar harvest season closes in unit 55

JEROME — Area cougar hunters are reminded that the harvest season in unit 55 is closed for the season although pursuit and dog training will be allowed through Feb. 28.

Management plans under the five-year program required harvest closure when one female mountain lion has been taken. The department announced the closure last weekend.

Woman shot by husband while hunting

CONNELLVILLE, Pa. — A man said he accidentally shot his wife to death as the two hunted deer in southwestern Pennsylvania.

Alvin Vance Jr. of Mount Pleasant said his gun fired unexpectedly Monday, striking his 39-year-old wife, Cathy Louise Vance, in the chest.

"We were walking and when I turned, the gun went off for some unknown reason," he said. "I don't know what happened, the gun just went off."

The Pennsylvania Game Commission was investigating the shooting on the first day of the state's deer season. No charges were filed.

Larry Heade, law enforcement supervisor for the commission's southwest regional office, said Vance and his wife were with several other people when a deer ran across a field and the gun went off.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Agency considers listing bull trout as endangered

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conservationists are urging the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to ignore Washington state wildlife officials' plea for a delay in the listing of bull trout as an endangered species in the West.

Leaders of three environmental groups say there are no biological data to support the request for postponement of a listing decision for five years while the state makes its own attempts to rebuild the troubled fish population.

"All available information reviewed to date shows the bull trout throughout its range is in serious decline and faces ever-increasing risks of extinction," the groups said in a letter to the service.

The three groups — Alliance for the Wild Rockies, Friends of the Wild Swan and Swan View Coalition — all of Montana — filed the initial petition last fall asking the government to grant the fish protection under the Endangered Species Act.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service should decide by the end of the year whether to propose adding the bull trout to the list of endangered species or choose another course to help the fish, said David Klingner, spokesman for the agency's regional headquarters in Portland, Ore.

"My latest word out of the Olympia (Wash.) office is that we

are close to a decision," Klingner said this week. "By the end of the year we should have some progress on a proposal for listing."

In their 1992 petition, the three environmental groups said bull-trout habitat and population has been degraded as a result of logging, road-building, cattle grazing, mining, poaching, overharvesting, dam construction, irrigation, pesticides and home construction.

After a 90-day preliminary review, the Fish and Wildlife Service ruled in May there was enough evidence of declining population to formally consider declaring bull trout an endangered species in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada and Montana.

Bull trout, actually a native char that swims as far as 150 miles to spawn, is found inland. Its coastal cousin is called Dolly Varden. The two largest remaining bull-trout populations are in the Flathead basin of Montana and Idaho's Lake Pend Oreille.

The Washington Department of Wildlife "does not believe the bull trout is in danger of extinction throughout its range in Washington," Department Director Curt Smith said in a letter last month to Marvin Plentz, regional director of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

"We believe the SWD should be

given an opportunity to recover the species in order to avoid additional costs to the state, the federal government and the citizens of Washington associated with restrictions required by law under the Endangered Species Act," Smith wrote.

He said this department had assessed the condition of 43 of 77 bull trout and Dolly Varden populations in Washington State. It estimates nine are at high risk of extinction, six are at moderate risk of extinction, 13 are at low risk and six are believed to be at no immediate risk.

Smith contends the relationship between states and the federal government in protecting wildlife is at stake.

"If there are no possibilities for deferring listing under the ESA, then there are little or no incentives for the states to take proactive actions on their own," he said.

In their letter, the three environmental groups said, "It is important to note that little or no action to recover bull-trout populations was taken by state agencies prior to our petition for listing."

Charles Gavin, executive director of Trout Unlimited, said the responsibility for the recovery of the fish should not be left in the hands of the states.

"The governors are saying, 'Don't tie our hands,' and we're saying we

need to hold the gun to your head as insurance to make sure you do the good things you say you're going to do," Gavin said in an interview.

Mike Bader, executive director of the Alliance for the Wild Rockies, said the state should draft its own recovery plan, which could be incorporated into the federal plan.

In a lot of the programs, the state people are the ones who helped drive the bull-trout almost to extinction and now they want to write the plan for recovery," Bader said.

States have no power to regulate hydroelectric dams that impede fish travel or private logging operations that can send silt into streams, he said.

"They may have good intentions, but if they don't have jurisdiction, there is no teeth," Bader said.

"The threats to the habitat and the populations themselves are very well documented. There probably is not a population left in the Lower 48 that qualifies as stable," he said.

Georgia Partam, a spokeswoman for the Fish and Wildlife Service here, said a decision was supposed to have been reached by Oct. 30.

But Klingner said the review has been complicated by the fish's range over five states.

The service has three choices — determining the listing is warranted, not warranted, or that it "is warranted, but precluded by other high-priority species," he said.

Feeding

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And, money aside, the bottom line, simply put, is that this perceived crisis in big game loss actually is based on an artificially high population.

While people can rightfully say that there's been a large drop from last to this hunting season, are their memories good enough to remember how it was in 1985 after the third in four major winters?

Because of six consecutive mild winters, it could easily be argued that the past four years of big game hunting comprised the best in Idaho history and likely won't be repeated over that length of time. Only a dreamer would expect to continue.

Again, using hunting to replace winter kill after six straight years of mild, basically snow-free winters, had allowed the herds to grow beyond nature and board.

Mother nature was much more efficient.

Consider also the dramatic difference in animal reaction from the mid-80s migrations that warried into Snake River canyon and almost across Perrine Bridge. They were bunched. They were accessible.

This past year, something happened. The deer didn't react the same. A number stayed or was caught above the Snake River plain for some reason. They roved in small bunches and over wide distances.

If you think it's expensive to feed elk by truck on the South Fork, try isolated bands of deer being catered to by helicopter. That copier rent alone runs \$700 to over \$1,000 daily, depending on size.

As for the idea that hunters better know the situation than the department you were informed in early January when this section carried a story indicating that herd composition censusing in December found production censusing rather significantly down.

A short time after returning from the national junior college basketball tournament in March, this writer had another report from the department

noting that winter kill was well up. Most of it centered on yearlings. Yearlings provide a substantial part of the harvest.

Yet, numbers indicated that herds were not down to the 1985 level. Some paring still was needed.

To say the seasons were set before the condition of the populations was ascertained overlooks the public demand that opening days and permits be set early so that vacations can be adapted to them.

And then there is the infallible rule that says when hunting is bad, harvest drops.

Discouragement is the greatest form of conservation.

Consider the Acequia pheasant station that 12 years ago processed hunters into the hundreds for opening weekend. Now with the pheasants pretty well gone, a total of 13 for two days this past year. A rare time it is must needed for habitat restoration, funding from the state upland game stamp is falling.

The law of supply and demand is probably more accurately kept in hunting than in business.

In the 1960s Oakley and Glenns Ferry provided the most acrimonious big game hearings this writer has attended. Both said the deer had

been "shot out."

But just 10-15 years earlier, the South Hills were said to have more deer per acre than any area in the country. And, remember, this was after several years of complete closure because there weren't any. It opened because the herd had reached a point it was destroying its own summer range. The winter range was abysmal.

Reaction had been political with great pendulum swings that went from nothing to too much.

At Glenns Ferry, biologists Sam McNeill and Stu Blake were told "you've shot them out. It's doubtful the area will ever be able to sustain a hunt again."

That was the area in the early 1980s where the bulk of 126 landowner complaints for deer depredation arose.

Idaho sportsmen have always shown a great willingness to sacrifice about anything for what they perceive is good for the resource — fewer days, smaller limits, harvest by sex, etc. But some carry the champion or martyr complex a bit far.

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Difficulty of bagging quarry makes sport more appealing to bowhunters

Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — If he had been hunting with a rifle, Dr. Kent Schrank probably could have shot the big buck the first time he saw it. That was opening weekend of the 1992 October archery season on the Y.O. Ranch in Kerr County, Texas.

Schrank, a physician from Sherman, Texas, has been a bowhunter since 1986, however. Even the best compound bow, with mechanical advantage created by a pulley system, is a short-range weapon.

Three weeks later, Schrank climbed a windmill for elevation and

saw the big deer again. It was in a shin-oak pasture with no trees big enough to support a portable stand. Schrank set up a portable ground blind on the trail the buck was using and climbed into it before daylight the next morning. He kept his vigil all day. About 30 minutes before sundown, the big buck came along at a trot, making a difficult target at 35 yards.

Schrank made a good shot and bagged a 14-pointer that netted 127 and three-eighths points in Texas Big Game Awards, making it one of the top Texas archery bucks reported last season.

Schrank is in a growing contin-

gent of Texas hunters who choose to make deer hunting more difficult by using archery tackle. When the sale of archery stamps was first required in 1975 (at the insistence of bowhunters), Texas Parks and Wildlife sold 16,054 stamps. Last season, more than 74,000 archery stamps were sold.

Maximum arrow range is about 40 yards, but most bowhunters prefer 35-yard shots. By comparison, a 40-yard shot is extremely close for a modern centerfire rifle and shots out to 200 yards are easily made by experienced riflemen shooting with the aid of a solid rest.

It is impossible to say how many

of the Texas hunters who buy the \$7 archery stamp required to hunt big game in October also hunt with firearms later in the season.

The percentage is probably large. A \$7 stamp and \$200 worth of archery gear extend the deer season by 30 days.

Increased hunting opportunity is one appeal of archery hunting. This year's bow season ran the entire month of October. The innate difficulty of bowhunting means the early archery season has no significant impact on the overall deer harvest.

Low cost is another appeal in these days of inflated hunting prices.

Since the success rate for archery deer hunting is generally less than 10 percent, ranches that charge

\$1,000 and more to hunt with a high-percentage rifle charge as little as \$50 a day for bowhunting.

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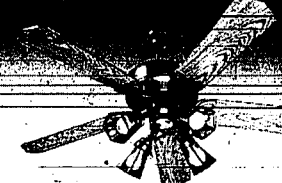
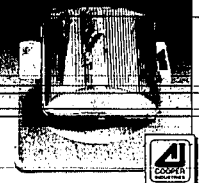

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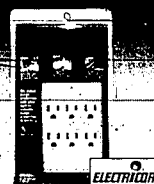
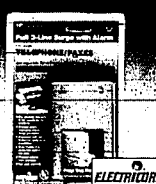
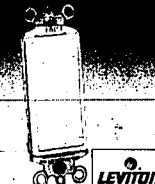
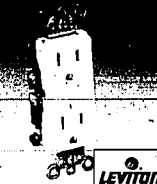
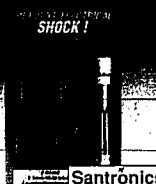
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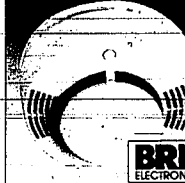
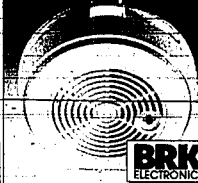
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